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it takes uh quite a long time it's a real adventure it's not like another concert in vegas or in atlanta it's a it's real adventure also the sun is linked to the ancient egypt as we know but it's also a link with the uh the fact that uh the sun is going to set on uh in 1999 rising in year 2000 and the idea is to share all together this uh to wait until the first sunrise at the end of the meeting we have some shots that we took in daylight of this extraordinary stage it's some 50 meters wide 100 meters long it took hundreds and hundreds of people to to put this event together this scale itself is awesome yeah i mean it's a you have a lot of people involved i must say that there is a lot there are a lot of people coming from uh from europe obviously but also a very good collaboration intense collaboration with egyptians egyptian artists for me it's obviously a great excitement to be able to play original music and music with uh egyptian music egyptian musicians i mean it's really i mean this this place is about uh and this project is about all meeting new and fascinating the future and the aeroglyphs meeting the internet it's a this kind of shock that we all feel when you are in front of the pyramid that i would like to share with not only with the people being alive but being live in the concert but also for people through television you use the pyramids as a backdrop almost as a canvas do you think in any way that that sacrifices the the spiritual or holy nature of this place i don't think so i think it's far more than just a canvas i think that uh you know when these guys has built the pyramids they were not necessary so respectful not considering what they were doing like part of history because they were making history and we are just nomads here i'm just a

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and we are just nomads here i'm just a nomad here and and artists are made for celebrating i mean time celebrating uh monuments or moments and i think that it's in a way very respectful to the pyramids to put them in a contemporary context and not fixing them in the past i think it's it's really something that is a good symbol for the uh for the new millennium jean-michel we wish you a great day of lucky's going to be taking the stage in about three hours and we will be here throughout the night as the world celebrates the entrance of the third millennium incidentally egypt is currently in its seventh millennium jonathan back to you now atlantic jim we'll be coming back to see you then there are other landmarks on the landscape now it is six hours and counting until the midnight hour at the millennium dome in greenwich england coming up our team of correspondents we'll bring you the latest from there as the hours unfold to the dawn of a new year [Music] cnn's global coverage of millennium 2000 is brought to you by morgan stanley dean witter we measure

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[Music] at morgan stanley dean litter we measure success one investor at a time well as a journalist he has covered everything from the second world war presidential elections the space program and countless other events big and small former cbs anchor walter cronkite is now covering the millennium he joins us on the phone from vienna austria where he is there with pbs and happy new year mr cronkite good evening for you to you um it's uh it's uh what 6 35 here now 6 40 and we're counting down toward the big big moment and what are you reflecting on mr cronkite during this momentous occasion what are you reflecting on during this momentous occasion as we look at a new millennium well i'm reflecting primarily on the fact that i made it when i was a small boy i wondered if i would live long enough to see the end of the century and the end of a millennium and by gosh if i can hold on for another 5 hours and 20 minutes i'll do it i think you're going to make it um you certainly have been at the forefront of many um fascinating events in this world for decades is there an era or event from your past that has made an indelible mark on you oh well certainly uh as far as an individual exposure to events you can hardly beat a world war and i was a work correspondent for the united press uh throughout world war ii and of course the events of that momentous confrontation will live in my memory forever the there were a lot of other major events however which which i was lucky enough to cover which have made an impression i think i think

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have made an impression i think i think certainly that man's landing on the moon would have to be one of the top experiences uh the the assassination of a president president kennedy uh and uh that that that hit pretty hard as well the abdication of a president with richard nixon trying to beat the watergate charges was another television news has certainly changed over the decades as we look ahead where would you like to see the news media focus its attention as far as world issues go where would you like to see it focus i would like to see the focus being on the efforts of people around the world to achieve peace a working world peace there are those who are spending a great deal of effort at it and yet our own government spends virtually nothing compared to the vast amount it spends on arms we should be spending something similar in the effort to achieve peace that that means some form of world order world government uh some would call it world federalism others would call it but a form of world government that has a structure which means a legislative and which and a traditional juridical a system of courts and a police force to enforce laws that would permit us to intercept the evil people of our time who would war on their own communities or on the world at large the people who start wars we should be able to stop them before they do walter cronkite a voice that has been with us for so long is with us again he's a working news man yet again at the new millennium thank you for joining us from vienna

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it's less than 30 minutes now until the u.s stock market closes for the last time this century wall street enjoyed a record and especially during the final week of the year with nasdaq exceeding the 4 000 mark for the first time ever surprise guest muhammad ali opened the market on the last day of trading for this year we'll be there live when another surprise guest is expected to close the market stay with natalie and i and cnn for our continuing millennium coverage [Music] well when i got hurt in this work i thought i had supplemental insurance supplement of insurance what's that aflac well even best insurance doesn't give you cash to cover things like loss pay other expenses this does what's that i flagged you shouldn't ask about it at work really what's it called fyi aflac without it no insurance is [Music] complete in any business there can be only one priority at morgan stanley dean witter we have never forgotten ours not surprisingly we measure success a little differently in this world timing is everything same goes for this world what's cnn's moneyline

for the knowledge you need to decide when to jump in [Music] tonight on the emmy award-winning larry king live we'll have a millennium's worth of guests throughout december tonight larry's special guests are his holiness the dalai lama and the reverend billy graham it's a millennial month of guests tonight nine eastern and all month only on cnn

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unparalleled coverage of millennium 2000 only on cnn welcome back the world sets its watches by greenwich time joining us now live to begin our team coverage from the millennial dome in greenwich in england here's cnn's vanilla sweeney indeed john hello and welcome to the millennium dome at greenwich just east of london now you're looking at the millennium dome night has fallen here in london you can see the 12 yellow poles they're sticking up into the sky they're holding the cables which actually keep the tent like roof structure in place now if we can pan a little around we might be able to see the river thames which is where we're actually sitting beside and later on this evening the queen will arrive here by barge there to the right of your screen you might be able to see the statue known as the quantum cloud it is a 30 meter structure it's apparently only six meters shorter than the statue of liberty in new york harbor and like the american figure it stands on a plinth facing east to greet visitors arriving at the capital by water and indeed as i say one of those arrivals in the next few hours will be queen elizabeth ii she will officially open the dome now the dome is apparently according to the designers the tallest dome in the world it's half a mile wide it can fit something like 18 000 double decker bucket double decker buses so they tell us anyway that's what the dome looks like on the outside what about inside cnn's becky anderson is there thanks very much indeed for noula well for more than a century the greenwich meridian has been the home of time and to usher in the new millennium this exhibition inside the dome is an attempt to reflect

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inside the dome is an attempt to reflect just where britain is going as we move into the 21st century a billion dollar monument to the next century building it was just half the challenge how to attract 50 000 a day inside was the next step for everybody there'll be two three four things that they remember i think i didn't know that before that's really interesting that was really beautiful this is what's hiding under the dome 14 themed zones exploring three fundamental questions who are we where do we live what do we do and visitors won't just be told a story they'll be part of it the big priority for us is the story making sure that we get the points across that we need we need to have as part of the overall story line for the dome itself but but in a fun and educational and entertaining way the zones explore issues of faith the mind rest and play take visitors through a nine-story high human body and a hall dedicated to money where visitors will have a fantasy credit card and that's the inside of the dome as we said 14 the theme zones as you can hear behind me the rehearsals going on for a carnival spectacular it starts at 12 o'clock london time tonight and it's preceded by old land signs and followed by a new rendition of the uh the song for england the national anthem that's it for me great thanks becky now you might be forgiven for thinking that everything is happening at the millennium dome certainly it's the place for the official ceremonies but here along the river thames as it winds its way into central london tens of thousands of people are expected to take to the streets to watch everything that's taking place here in the next few hours and that includes the ferris wheel and we'll have more on that later in our viewers now i'm fellow sweeney back to natalie vanilla thank you we'll see you in a bit just ahead in our non-stop millennium

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just ahead in our non-stop millennium coverage we'll take you live inside cheyenne mountain in colorado for an unprecedented broadcast from the norad command center this is where the u.s has bunkered for more than four decades to monitor the world's nuclear powers will go there next there's a very special ring it sails this year with the millennium set in diamonds inside the band it's an exquisite half carat diamond solitaire in 18 karat gold for a special price of only 19.99 think of it just as the millennium is turning you will have the power to make time stand still exclusively at sales stores or shop online at sales.com [Music] unparalleled coverage of millennium 2000 only on cnn how do you measure success presenting i choice for morgan

stanley dean winter a dynamic new financial program that lets you achieve your success your way how do you measure success [Music] at morgan stanley dean witter we measure success one investor at a time oh the pain of using a dandruff shampoo note its unpleasant smell the lack of lather note its name nizoral a.d use nizoral a.d just twice a week and the freedom will go to your head

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and the freedom will go to your head find out why love is the most dangerous thing on the brutal frontier cannot live with a man who finds it so easy to kill bill full and diane lace the virginian see the world premiere sunday january 9th at 8 on tnt let's go live now to colorado springs where cnn's martin savage is standing by at the norad command center inside cheyenne mountain martin natalie there is a certain irony here in colorado springs we're located on petersen air force base that irony being that as the joint team of u.s and russian missile officers have been scanning the skies looking for any potential missile threat it was the russian team this morning that was actually hit by a political bombshell that was on nobody's radar screen that being the resignation of their commander-in-chief russian president boris yeltsin now the head of the russian delegation was very quick to point out that in no way does it alter the strategic readiness of the russian nuclear missile arsenal it does not alter the chain of command the same voices that were on the other end of the hotline in moscow yesterday are the same ones they are talking to today and it does not alter in any way the cooperative effort that is ongoing here in colorado in keeping that in mind as to that monitoring effort there have been a number of u.s and russian missile installations located primarily in the western pacific and siberia that have already rolled over into the year 2000 the reports are there are no problems coming from either nation however keep in mind the russian military clocks are set to moscow time moscow has not rolled over and the u.s military clocks are set to greenwich mean time that rollover has not occurred so the real wide 2k test for military readiness has not happened yet at this particular time 10 miles behind me is cheyenne mountain it is the headquarters of norad the north american aerospace defense command inside of that mountain is cnn's tony clark and he's standing by with more on the view from there tony marty this is one of the 25

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tony marty this is one of the 25 ton four foot thick blast doors that are a third of a mile inside cheyenne mountain it is just down the hallway there that norad monitors the world situation looking for missile launches to provide early warning to north america just a short time ago the deputy commander-in-chief for norad lieutenant general george mcdonald said so far everything has been very quiet eating normally we've seen no uh aberrations at all we've seen no events that affect our capability to perform our fundamental mission we've done frequent communications checks and checks with the systems that have been in the rollover geographical areas thus far and we see nothing absolutely at all that causes any concern there are events that are seen for example when russia fires a missile as chechnya that does show up here but it is not information that is passed on down by agreement to the y2k center at peterson air force base where the russians and americans sit next to each other that is something that would have been unheard of just about a decade ago despite a decade of improved relations between the united states and what once was the soviet union there are still about two thousand nuclear-tipped missiles poised to be launched against each other on a moment's notice [Music] the missiles are on hair trigger alert they can be launched toward their targets within 15 minutes residual distrust from half a century of cold war has proved hard to break from our standpoint really this is as usual as it is today was as it was 20 years ago cheyenne mountain outside colorado springs is a symbol of that cold war tension a third of a mile inside the mountain 25 ton three foot thick blast doors guard the

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three foot thick blast doors guard the entrance to the heart of the u.s missile warning operation excavation for the facility began in 1961 just one year after the downing of a u-2 spy plane over the soviet union and just weeks after the failed bay of pig's invasion during construction the u.s and soviet union stood on the brink of

nuclear war during the cuban missile crisis the facility was designed as the u.s canadian command center for defense against manned soviet bombers but the soviet space program and the advent of intercontinental ballistic missiles changed the focus to early warning against a nuclear missile attack against north america using a global network of satellites radar and sensors cheyenne mountain can determine both long and short-range missile launches anywhere in the world during the gulf war it provided early warnings to patriot missile batteries of iraqi scud launches now as the century turns military experts say the greatest threat may be from a computer bug and bad data so far monitors here at norad show that everything is quiet tony clark cnn inside cheyenne mountain the closing bell from new york right after this on a millennium 2000 special miles o'brien and john zarella shoot for the stars with a look at the future of space exploration on the network of the millennium see 1999 at the dawn of the new millennium where will you be celebrate new year's eve with the musician of our generation and the concert of the millennium ran into the year 2000 start order in this exclusive in-demand pay-per-view event and crown the century with the ultimate party song in your home rave to the year 2000 starring

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rave to the year 2000 starring an in-demand pay-per-view exclusive [Music] your home is a reflection of you of your world and your place in it so if you want to put digital tv entertainment in your home why put this stuff on top of it comcast digital cable gives you all this on your tv without a satellite dish on your roof so your beautiful home is still your beautiful home comcast digital cable weeknights on cnn8 family talk connects you with the issues that are important to you and your family then after family talk then it's your call connect you with the top news stories if you're hearing about it we're talking about it after it's your call then cn8 on call connects you with a noted physician who takes your calls and gives you real answers you can use then after seeing it on call then sportstar connects you with your games and your team weeknights on cn8 because we're connected to you is this a cool network or what a holiday a time for big beasts big presents big parties and most of all huge savings on comcast at home the biggest internet experience around enjoy lightning speed and get more done online say big with this holiday deal call 1-888-370-home and save a hundred dollars on comcast at home hurry this is a limited time offer get in the spirit of the season and go back think comcast at home celebrating the new millennium this is cnn it's about 10 seconds before midnight in a time zone featuring contrast in temperature and temperament and cnn's millennium coverage will take you to both ends of those extremes 2000 is about to stretch from a troubled tropical island through vast stretches of the former

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through vast stretches of the former soviet union the balmy but battered island of sri lanka enters the new millennium this hour as does novosibirsk a cultural island in the desolation of siberia we will look at how the new year is being celebrated there as cnn's coverage of millennium 2000 continues right now [Music] with the beginning of a new year we bid goodbye to the past you're looking at live pictures from the new york stockings team the exchange is ringing up 1999 with the last closing bell and some partying on the floor what a year it has been cnn's myron kamdel joins us now from our cnn financial news offices with more mike hi jonathan on wall street it was a decade of fireworks and today was no exception stocks rallied again today pushing the major indexes into record territory for the last trading session of the 1900s the dow jones industrial average closed at a new high american express home depot and 3m will gain more than two points apiece it was light volume as expected this indianapolis 500 and the russell 2000 which is the small cap index also closed at new highs the nasdaq composite finished its best year ever it's up more than 85 percent for the year

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the year and uh as uh we've been trying to get ahold of ronda uh shaffa on the floor of the new york stock exchange okay okay back to you jonathan mike before you go this has been an extraordinary year on wall street it has been an extraordinary decade what's the feeling around you how much longer can the party last

well the party can last as long as the u.s economy is in such great shape the only worry about the economy is that it's too strong and the federal reserve will have to raise interest rates again that has a depressing effect on the market so far the market has shrugged off the three raises and interest rates that the fed imposed this year so in in the year that just passed the question is can those technology stocks really continue going gangbusters the nasdaq composite index as i indicated has been up 85 this year that's more than any major average has ever done in the history of the stock market the last one was the dow jones industrials in 1915 we're up about 81 percent the nasdaq 85 this year right now there are some people worried about whether this bull market will continue much longer that correction maybe uh could be coming but generally wall street is going into the new year on a bullish note jonathan mike looking at the figures it's amazing when we look at the last trading day of the last century going back to december 29 1899 the dow jones industrials closed at 65.7 just by way of comparison it has been years since fed chairman alan greenspan was warning of irrational exuberance one of the striking things about this is that investors seem to be ignoring all the advice they're getting from people like greenspan and everyone else in the government aren't they well not really i think uh by the way i talked about greenspan is uh you know there's a thing that's saying that the federal reserve's job is

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saying that the federal reserve's job is to take away the punch bowl when the party gets going a little too strongly the white house of course likes it now let's check in with rhonda schaffler don't know wait a minute before we get to rondo back to you jonathan in atlanta okay mike thanks very much natalie i think rhonda's down there amidst the balloon somewhere we'll find her well the new year is only minutes old right now in the siberian town of novosibirsk but elsewhere in russia a new political era has already dawned in a stunning announcement as we've been telling you by boris yelton cnn's alessio vinci has just returned from novosibirsk he joins us now from moscow yes natalie midnight in moscow is three hours away but some two and a half thousand miles to the east from here from red square it is already midnight it just happened a few minutes ago we understand from some people that we were able to reach on the phone so the temperature there today tonight in novosibirt is minus 40 degrees celsius that exactly it is also 40 minus 40 degrees fahrenheit so it is a very very very cold night in novosibir north novosibirsk still despite the fact that these so-called people in novosibirsk are celebrating their new year's eve outside in the streets several thousand people thousands of people are in downtown novosibirsk welcoming the new millennium now siberians are known to be tough people because of these harsh weather conditions and the remoteness of this place and this is what made them famous because we were able to talk to some of them some ice fishermen who were telling us that despite the cold temperature they were very glad to be out there in the cold because it is good for the health it is good for the health and and despite the economic hardship that this country is facing of course this um is facing they were still able to get by because they were able to rely on themselves russian siberians are known of being people who

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siberians are known of being people who always rely on themselves because of this toughness if you want that they have grown because of being so far away from the center and not able to be able to rely on moscow for some help now in siberia as in everywhere else in this country the people there obviously were surprised by the announcement made by the russian president boyce yeltsin that he was resigning in serbian in siberia parties supported by vladimir putin the prime minister of russia that mr yeltsin has named the acting president uh his uh the parties that were supported by mr putin did pretty well during recent parliamentary elections so it is uh expected that um those people in siberia will uh welcome the new president or the new acting president and um for and then eventually will will vote for him when the new elections will take place now on march 26 in the year 2000. now uh mr putin who is now the acting president of russia has already made an address to the russian people this address was already broadcast in the far east of russia in his address mr putin said that he will not allow anybody who will try to crush on the constitution there will be no vacuum of power he said that he will continue to fight the chechens chechens in in china and uh so mr putin uh as we said uh he will be a man who will be uh running for the presidential elections in the year in the year

2000 march 26th back to you natalie alessio vinci thank you for moscow now to jonathan boris yeltsin spoke to president clinton today to offer assurances that the abrupt change of leadership in russia will not mean a change of policies there cnn's kelly wallace joins us now from the white house with more kelly well jonathan president clinton called mr yeltsin this morning and told him it was a sad morning for him personally the two leaders enjoyed a very warm relationship meeting some 19 times since 1993.

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meeting some 19 times since 1993. in a statement to reporters a few hours ago president clinton hailed yeltsin's quote historic tenure as russia's first democratically elected president and said he was a man who always did what he said he was going to do and who was always willing to take chances to improve democracy in russia mr clinton did note that of course the u.s and russia have had some disagreements along the way one of those continues to be over russia's military campaign in the breakaway republic of chechnya u.s officials say they will continue to press russia to try and find a peaceful solution to that conflict mr clinton also said that he looks forward to working with acting president vladimir putin and secretary of state madeleine albright described mr putin as a can-do person and a very hard worker kelly wallace cnn reporting live at the white house well just minutes from now at the bottom of the hour india will step across the imaginary boundary from 1999 to 2000 but already there is reason to celebrate a week-long hostage standoff aboard an indian airlines jet has ended today cnn's new delhi bureau chief satinder bindra has the latest on both these stories to tinder natalie in about 23 minutes one billion indians that's one in six people in the world will usher in the new millennium the country's prime minister mr adul bihari vajpayee says the world's largest democracy's biggest challenges are to combat terrorism and to make india a developed country but for the moment almost everybody in india has put those two concerns to rest india is in a party mood just about two hours ago 155 hostages would be held captive in tandahar southern afghanistan for about eight

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for about eight days were released as they stepped off the plain jubilation all across india these smiles reflected the mood of the country some people just punched the air with their fists the biggest welcome was for the captain of the plane captain surrender he was given a hero's welcome he just said i'm feeling great i did what i could the condition of some of these hostages is described as being extremely robbed they went through a terrible emotional and mental trauma there were ambulances at the airport which drove them straight to hospitals but for the families who've been waiting for an anxious reunion this was a great great moment and celebrations are breaking out all across india at the moment here in new delhi where i am people are in a party mood as you can see right behind me the families are describing the release of the hostages as the biggest as the happiest as the best millennium gift they could get natalie it's wonderful to see them step off of that plane satinder bindra in india we'll be back to you now to john people have had some trepidation about entering the 21st century we go now for some insight from someone uniquely qualified sir arthur clark author of 2001 a space odyssey and more than 60 other books appropriately enough the futurist joins us via the internet from sri lanka where he makes his home and where it turned midnight just moments ago thanks so much for talking with us and happy new year your name will forever be associated with 2001. so let me ask you are we celebrating the wrong year yes of course we are the millennium does not begin until 2001 what you're celebrating now is something more important arrival of the year 2000 that is psychologically much more important for the mere change of one digit at the end of the this millennium in the beginning of the next one

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now in the story that we always associate with you we also associate a computer hal that caught the y2k bug a bit early and turned against the astronauts on that spaceship what's your thinking about about all the concern that computers generated because of the date and because of this new era we're entering well i'm rather proud of the fact that i described the y2k more than 10 years ago in another of my books we talked

about the titanic the ghosts from the grand banks and i called it their the century syndrome and i described exactly what it was and what we should do about it so i many people have been aware of this problem for a couple of decades but of course if you make most of the world advice so we do rely on computers more and more i'm happy to hear that so far there'll be no serious problems with the bug in the hours of the new year that have begun now sir arthur clark from sri lanka via the internet like science fiction talking to us on the eve of the new century thanks so much for talking with us a word to our viewers you can see more of arthur c clarke sir arthur on talkback live q a coming up at 3 p.m eastern if you're outside of the united states that's about an hour and 48 minutes from now natalie don't tell the folks at new york times square that the new millennium desert really arrives at 2001 because they're already there for the party a unique celebration is already underway and we'll tell you about that when we go there live in just a moment [Music] in any business there can be only one

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in any business there can be only one priority but morgan stanley dean litter we have never forgotten ours not surprisingly we measure success a little differently imagine this is florida and that's walt disney world sea world universal studios epcot center and this is kissimmee saint cloud offering the closest and most affordable accommodations in the middle of central florida's best attractions call 1-800-711 kiss and we'll send you a free vacation guide with information on affordable hotels and campgrounds if you can stay here why stay anywhere else kissimmee saint cloud location is our biggest attraction america prepares for the first election of the new millennium the facing issues and ideas that will change the american political landscape and the balance of power only one network will provide the depth of program covering the live breaking story with the most experienced team of journalists ever assembled on television and online america's campaign headquarters for election 2000 is cnn there's a very special ring at sales this year with the millennium set in diamonds inside the band it's an exquisite half carat diamond solitaire in 18 karat gold for a special price of only 19.99 think of it just as the millennium is turning you'll have the power to make time stand still exclusively at sales stores or shop online at sales.com almost 11 hours to go before the ball drops in new york's times square but the so-called crossroads of the world is hosting a global celebration hour by hour throughout this day and joining us to explain what's going on

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to explain what's going on cnn's gary tuchman gary well natalie we'd like to welcome you to new york's longacre square that's right longacre square that's what it used to be called at least they changed it in 1904 when the new york times moved into this building that you're looking at right now the one-time square building where the ball is located that will drop at 12 midnight tonight and it became times square named after the new york times they've been celebrating in times square ever since then and we are celebrating every time zones new years today we just finished celebrating bangladesh and sri lanka elaborate entertainment in times square just a few minutes ago brilliantly colored fabric flowed through times square to symbolize the sacred ganges and jumuna rivers there was also music from bangladesh enchanting from sri lanka and people in times square tens of thousands who are here now the crowd that we have here now is the crowd we usually have around eight o'clock eastern time on a typical new year's eve but because we're celebrating all the time zones there are tens of thousands of people here right now and they're very appreciative they're learning a lot about the countries of the world as each hour goes by and we celebrate the new years from all those countries a relatively beautiful day today in new york city this is the warmest new year's eve we've had since 1992-93 it's not tropical by any means like it would be in sri lanka however it is about 45 degrees fahrenheit it's expected to go down no lower than 35 tonight right now the sun is coming out they're not expecting any rain snow sleet or hail so they are expecting a huge turnout is that giant ball you see right there it's a waterford crystal ball a special ball made for the evening made to usher in the millennium will drop at 11 59 eastern time for a 60-second ride down that 77-foot flagpole and the people you see clapping right now most of them intend to be here for the next 10 hours and 45 minutes to usher in the new year here in the eastern time zone natalie well they did they deserve their front row seat they've been there for so long i know you've just arrived in the area the past couple hours you

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in the area the past couple hours you often rollerblade about town did you have to put on the blades to get into your spot today natalie you know what i do rollerblade around this town and that is one of the best ways to get around this part of new york city today no cars buses taxis are allowed on these streets near times square it's a pedestrian freezo it's a zone only for pedestrians and only for inline skaters so there's a wonderful way to get here i highly recommend it all right thanks for that tip for the folks watching gary tuckman we'll be back with you now to jonathan greenwich england which may be familiar to you from the phrase greenwich mean time also called zulu hour by some people or universal time whatever you call it it is the reference point for world time the spot at which all time zones on earth are set cnn's christian amanpour is at the center of the festivities there the millennium dome christian jonathan indeed greenwich mean time where we are right now is the greenwich meridian considers itself the arbiter of universal time and as such considers the millennium will not start officially until it starts here in six hours from now with that in mind the british over the last few years have been determined to make the biggest and the best splash for the millennium and the centerpiece of their party is the dome the millennium dome where we are right now this incredible structure which you can see from our overhead camera is now empty of people inside in terms of guests they will start arriving but it has taken many many months almost a year to build it's supported by these 12 huge pylons it's an enormous the world's biggest roofed structure twice the size of the georgia dome in atlanta which until now was the biggest roof structure the tidbits say that it can contain the great pyramid of giza the idol tower on its side and indeed 18 000 of those red double decker buses that huge uh material that covers it spans about 50 meters and it can even move if there is a hurricane it can move about three feet higher to accommodate any high winds now inside

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to accommodate any high winds now inside a very ambitious project is underway there are some 14 so-called zones exhibit centers which we can show you there is the big centerpiece the body zone there are other things called for instance the play zones reflecting many many different aspects of living at the start of the new millennium essentially what has happened here in this location is that a very very economically depressed part of london has turned into really an example of future time if you like it's really a remarkable sight here and what a change it has wrought since this dome has been built now as for y2k problems much has been made of that in the united states less in europe although the europeans lagged behind the united states in terms of preparing for the y2k problem it is now mobilized and is considered absolutely ready europeans are in a party mood stocking up on champagne not survival kits i hope all will be fine i hope i have enough alcohol in me so i do not have to care europe is confident the bug won't bite because of years spent preparing and it expects business as usual in all the major public services transport energy telecommunications and financial services most people's idea of a y2k nightmare is disaster in the air information technology experts say not to worry aviation this is um a story which was going some while ago which is the planes may fall out of the sky let me reassure you that planes won't fall out of the sky the german airline lufthansa went so far as to take journalists on a flight to break the millennium barrier rolling forward its computers to simulate y2k industry analysts say european air traffic control systems are also fully in line

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in line although they'll likely be less travel because people will want to stay at home with family britain has spent three years preparing its underground trains which will run all through the new year regular trains will also run but france says it'll stop its train system for 20 minutes around midnight because of public nervousness even though engineers have installed extensive control in italy trains will stop running for three hours over the new year no country is saying there'll be no problems only that they'll be relatively small we're not looking at some kind of an apocalypse you know some sudden massive breakdown companies collapsing people being thrown on the street because of major sudden unexpected disaster what i fear is that we are going to be looking at a whole series of small nuisances what we have described as death by a

thousand cuts analysts say they'll just have to wait until the clock strikes midnight to find those small nuisances in the meantime despite spending four years and millions of pounds to safeguard its nuclear power plant britain will bring it to a standstill with no movement of nuclear material around midnight the bigger worry lies in eastern europe and the former soviet states and to make sure they keep in touch over the new year major multinationals and big banks have bought up so many satellite phones they've caused a worldwide shortage now britain is considered one of the countries most prepared for y2k italy one of the countries least prepared now in terms of tonight's celebrations the queen will come here to the dome in several hours from now she will open the dome officially there will be huge festivities inside singing there will be aerial acrobatics we're told an erotic ballet aerial ballet and also snow that will apparently come down on the river which you see right there the river thames that will also be a

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the river thames that will also be a centerpiece of tonight's activities there will be a 200 meter wall of fire a pyrotechnic display that will shoot up at the speed of sound up to uh between the box fall and tower bridges obviously big ben will chime down uh midnight and there will also be what britain is claiming the world's biggest firework display for 15 minutes uh after big ben chimes and that is some 40 tons of fireworks we expect to see then so a lot planned for england jonathan christian will there be a lot of people there to see it i gather it wasn't a y2k problem but there is a problem getting tickets out to the people who were supposed to be at the dome well yes uh there were some ten thousand invited guests uh people who are chosen for service to the community as well as vips who are meant to be coming to the dome tonight we understand that about half of the tickets were actually sent out and received by the guests we're told that the rest of those tickets are going to be available for people to pick up as they come here but they're probably going to be long long queues the government is saying that it's trying to really get those tickets out and get the people here but that was a major glitch apparently they didn't figure on you know christmas post and other things so that was a major glitch and also the millennium wheel which we've heard so much about the huge ferris wheel that failed a security test yesterday that will not be uh taking people around although it will operate tonight so there are a few glitches but on the whole people here think that the thing is going to go pretty smoothly jonathan okay a big big party some little problems in london that's coming up in a few hours but coming up in about five minutes new delhi india welcomes in the new millennium and we'll take you there live for the festivities [Music] of millennium 2000 is brought to you by morgan stanley dean witter we measure success one investor at a time

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[Music] from the company that has always value the individual above all else comes the most individual way yet of achieving presenting eye success for morgan stanley dean witter a whole new level of personal service that lets you achieve your success your way how do you measure success [Music] at morgan stanley dean litter we measure success one investor at a time [Music] it is the world's largest democracy with nearly a billion residents the new century starts in india in less than four minutes and cnn takes you there as millennium 2000 moves across the rapidly growing subcontinent the party is on in new delhi as a nation with a 5 000 year heritage joins in the worldwide celebration in calcutta a hindu leader who has been called the male mother teresa is organizing a peace march of 3 000 people and for the first time in 16 years the taj mahal will be open for night viewing under the moon cnn's coverage of millennium 2000 continues right now [Music] our millennium coverage rolls on as we follow the dawn of a new year around the

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follow the dawn of a new year around the world our next stop new delhi the capital of india there's an enormous party going on there as you can see an ancient land dancing to what appears to be 20th and now 21st century music a party in a land of many languages many cultures and many ways to have fun they have a special reason to celebrate too today as we've been telling you uh the hostages that were kept aboard an indian airplane in afghanistan were released just today and arrived back in their land it was quite a joyous

occasion for the folks in india cnn's tinder bindra joins us now tinder tell us about the party but also tell us about those 155 passengers who are now free jonathan this party is in new delhi one of the oldest cities in the world the city is thousands of years old and the music that's being played here is sometimes english music sometimes hindi music that shows india's great cultural and religious diversity and tonight the celebrations in new delhi are a lot lot sweeter the entire nation shares the joy of families whose members have just been released off that plane 155 hostages were released they came back to delhi a few hours ago some of them were taken to hospital but some immediately went back to their families family members described it as the best millennium gift ever so parties everywhere the mood here was a bit dampened just about six or seven hours ago but as soon as word got out that the hostages were being released everything is perked up here uh in new delhi thousands of people out in the streets and everywhere that you can see there is a new edge there is a new festivity we are now waiting and in just about a minute the world's largest democracy home to one billion people

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one billion people that's one in six people in the world will usher in the new year the new millennium people here talking about their aspirations they say they want a better india they want a more prosperous india one in which there's less poverty and most importantly people wishing for peace india has long been wrecked by troubles the hostage crisis just another of those problems that came about on this country and people as the millennium comes in are just wishing for peace we are expecting the millennium to be brought in uh any second now at the moment on the dance floor you see traditional indian dance here and then elsewhere in the country you're seeing some more modern dances uh all goes to show that indians are joining in to celebrate what they believe is a very important victory 155 people are free and with their families we just have a few minutes left and we are here this is it this is it india is in the new millennium jonathan natalie i guess the thing to say now is nayam sal mubarak which is hindi i take it for happy new year a country of a billion people entering the 21st century and pretender how many people are there celebrating in the area where where you are where we're looking i would say it's about uh close to a thousand people everywhere and it's amazing to see how quickly the mood in an entire country has changed literally within a matter of hours as soon as that plane touched down almost everyone was watching television and as soon as that plane touched down safely with 155 former hostages on board the party has just stopped and this is going to go on for a long time celebration all around in india and

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celebration all around in india and natalie jonathan all right so tinder bendra we thank you beautiful pictures there from new delhi where the millennium has just arrived let's just take a look at the fireworks for just a moment [Music] disappear [Music] everybody [Music] we're looking at pictures from jaipur in northern india a tourist site a site of enormous celebration right now as you can see india began this century as a british colony it was poor it was illiterate and it was starving it is still by world standards a poor nation but it is fiercely independent it is a nuclear power a space power increasingly a computer software giant the celebration over the release of the hostages comes to india as the country as a whole is feeling more confident about itself a country that spans centuries enters the 21st century now feeling good feeling positive feeling like long overdue change is coming um and as the tinder mentioned one billion people in india celebrating the millennium that means one in six people on earth would be celebrating uh at the moment and we also mentioned for the first time in many many years the taj mahal is open at this moment for night time viewing as the party goes on in india and now we move to bethlehem where it's less than four hours away from the beginning of a new millennium christians celebrate the city as the birthplace of jesus so they also are celebrating the 2000th anniversary

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are celebrating the 2000th anniversary of his birth for more we turn to cnn's walter rogers he is live in bethlehem thank you a warm millennial glow has settled over bethlehem bethlehem's manger square behind me of course you can see the church of the nativity the church being the cradle of the of the millennium because it's built over the traditional site of jesus birth above the church a star of bethlehem but this is a far cry from the bethlehem of the christmas carols where you sing of silent night it is anything but a silent night here after all this is new year's eve as my colleague bill delaney reports from down among the revelers bill walter very much something of a palestinian bloc party down here very raucous very festive and as so often when thousands of palestinians gather also very political on the stage behind me for about an hour or so just ending about 15 minutes or so ago with a torchlight parade speeches by members of palestinian president yasser arafat's fatah party including references to those palestinians call their martyrs palestinians killed in the time of the israeli occupation that ended here four years ago so very much a celebration of palestinian identity here tonight in manger square who are not here in manger square are the international visitors many expected and hoped for neither here in bethlehem nor five miles to north to the north in the city of jerusalem in jerusalem a relative absence of spiritual visitors rough on many trying to make a living antonio barakat runs a shop in jerusalem's old city passed down since the time of his grandfather has business very bad very very bad not bad very very bad a cab driver had only one five dollar fare by mid-afternoon why why because political situation is so bad people they're afraid you know

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bad people they're afraid you know concern for security seemingly why most conspicuously absent were christian pilgrims from the united states most pilgrims in the old city europeans not necessarily bad news for anyone who made the trip the number of tourists that we've seen are really a lot less than everyone said would be here we're really surprised about how how easy it is to get into a lot of the places also discouraging visitors many jerusalem hotels banned new year's celebrations as coinciding with the jewish sabbath jerusalem mayor ahood olmert said it only made sense relatively few christians came in the family season before and after christmas now they're starting to move it will start with a small number and it will increase we have bookings for the month of march april may and june which is the highest ever in the history of jerusalem the fitzgerald family did come making an ecumenical trip for the millennium chris fitzgerald as a christian his wife marita to visit the shrines in northern israel of her baha'i faith i know there was a lot in the media but i felt because this was a holy trip for us that that we were protected faith many of the many tens of thousands of expected pilgrims apparently did not share the celebrating in bethlehem tonight likely to be a bit more raucous than in jerusalem there will be music there will be movies there will be a lot of dancing and at midnight two thousand white doves released into the night sky at midnight walter bill bethlehem is about nine kilometers or five miles south of jerusalem two cities worlds apart bethlehem is overwhelmingly palestinian jerusalem predominantly jewish but shared with the arabs still this is the jewish sabbath and the celebrations in jerusalem are certain to be much more muted and perhaps behind closed doors my colleague gerald kessel is on the

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my colleague gerald kessel is on the mount of olives in jerusalem gerald holy sites within jerusalem's walled old city muslims dome of the rock adjacent for jews the western wall remnant of their biblical times temple which was on the same site and beyond the golden dome a clutch of churches around the church of the holy sepulchre revered by many christians as the site of jesus crucifixion before his resurrection but in a place which could well perhaps lay claim as the theological center of this millennium it's mainly stillness and no ceremonial millennial lights this is coincidentally this new year's eve this is the jewish sabbath and the rabbis have decreed that there should be no public festivities which would violate the day of rest and here on the mount of olives the only real fireworks are from the nighttime revelry after the end of the muslim fasting day during the ramadan and the night time feasting but uh there will be plenty of partying private partying to celebrate the millennium but to mark the pageantry the public pageantry here in the holy land we go back to set the scene to walter rogers in bethlehem thanks gerald at the stroke of midnight here or a few seconds before as bill delaney reported the palestinians are going to release 2000 white doves symbols of peace that

will be fired followed by fireworks perhaps an app symbol of the middle east fireworks and doves going through the air at the same time we'll be carrying all of that live in the next few hours i'm walter rogers cnn live from manger square in bethlehem all around the world computers are working trains are running it is y2k though what happened a conversation with bruce mcconnell at the international y2k monitoring center in washington when our coverage continues

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we get back to humanity golden globe award nominee best picture best director and best actor denzel washington the hurricane rated r now in select theaters check local listings well officials are monitoring the situation as we move into the new millennium they are watching for any possible problems that could be triggered by a computer glitch we are joined now by bruce mcconnell the director of the international y2k cooperation center in washington hello mr mcconnell hi there natalie hello the new millennium has arrived in many parts of the world started in the south pacific moved through china japan parts of russia now new delhi is celebrating what reports are you getting on how countries are handling it at this point we're getting very positive reports we have no reports of any significant incidents related to y2k at this point uh well that should be good news for you you must be feeling good about that we're we're very pleased it is not unexpected we expected few if any major disruptions so we're seeing that we're still keeping uh vigilant over the next several days some of these things could be delayed effects but right now things look very good some suggested that russia could face uh some trouble its infrastructure being fragile at this time we've already seen uh the millennium in its third largest city it's uh uh in siberia do you expect any problems in russia we're keeping an eye on russia they expand 13 time zones so there's lots of possibilities but so far we're very encouraged we're particularly pleased to see that the russian nuclear plants rolled over successfully at this point we expected that but it's always good to get that confirmation and i guess pakistan uh being the newest nuclear power they're about to see the new year as well coming up are they cooperating with your center absolutely both pakistan and india are cooperating with us and we don't expect any safety issues there either um what about the is the real test mr

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um what about the is the real test mr mcconnell going to be uh um as far as computers worldwide going to be on monday when when businesses are all up and running in full force around this world i think we will see problems on monday tuesday and wednesday many countries are still closed bank holidays on monday but as the business week starts to heat up we'll see business systems making mistakes we'll see billing errors things like that mostly headaches hiccups inconveniences uh thank you so much uh mr mcconnell for being with us glad to hear you've got a positive report for us so far as you uh look around the world thank you now

for jonathan our extraordinary coverage of the millennium continues with a look at how some people are preparing for the worst stay with us for that [Music] cnn global coverage of millennium 2000 is sponsored by shiseido she theta wishes you a happy millennium [Music] a hundred years pass and shiseido's ruby red liquid the one that caressed the faces of japanese women for so many generations is even more sublime now as it touches the faces of women all over the world in this new century this era that empowers a woman to live life to the fullest and help create a more beautiful world [Music] here gently thoroughly working to create more beautiful skin [Music] a hundred years pass and time leaves so much less of its mark now on a woman's skin the beauty of time gone by and the splendor of things to come are all mixed together in one bottle from shiseido

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[Music] wood leather adrenaline the new lincoln ls well when i got hurt in this work i thought i had supplemental insurance supplement of insurance what's that applause well even best insurance doesn't give you cash to cover things like loss pay other expenses this does what's dancing ask about it at work really what's it called fyi aflac without it no insurance is complete something a few of you out there watching might have noticed cnn national and cnn international have joined forces today to bring you one gigantic worldwide broadcast and i'm natalie allen normally seen in the united states i'm jonathan mann from cnn international we're working together to bring you the world's biggest party we're having a good time doing it but some people have been extremely anxious as this day approach there have been people i don't know if you did any emergency shopping buying extra water buying batteries buying candles the water was a little bit light at my uh neighborhood kroger i can tell you too much as well in the united states people have been buying extra guns people are expecting trouble we're going to go now to cnn's john zarrella he's in cocoa florida a local church that began preparing for the millennium rollover two years ago john that's right jonathan here at the whole loaf christian center they have been preparing for a couple of years for the turn of the millennium if anything happens if the power should go out if water should go off if phone service should go down the church is going to be open people within the cocoa community can come here if they're nervous

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if they're nervous if they're scared and what you see here going on is a massive canning operation of dried goods everything from dried idaho potatoes to sugar and rice and tea and flour and they are prepared to say the least it's writing on the labels there exactly what's in the cans and what they have done is of course they're used to this they're prepared they prepare for hurricanes here they've had trouble with wildfires over the years uh so they know how to prepare for any kind of major events or disasters and uh with us uh reverend tony paley and tony uh you a year or so ago were far more skeptical about what might happen when the millennium flipped over than you are now why is that well i think we couldn't quite foresee the progress that would be made in the last six months compared to how it was diagrammed a year ago and so we just took off and did the the major things we could now things seem to be better i think we're still going to have some glitches but we want to be prepared for the unknown and you certainly aren't i know you have a storehouse right next to this main building and where the sanctuary is and in that storehouse i noticed there's everything canned goods peanut butter stuffing mix uh rice pasta juices there's nothing wanting you can feed quite if there were a problem how many people can you feed and for how long we would be prepared to feed a hundred people a day soup and fresh bread made by hand ground flour and fresh water for a long period of time we could run three to six months you have a small congregation here overall but if there were a problem you would expect any number of people from within the community i imagine have expressed interest in coming here uh we do a lot of feeding ministries anyway and so those people know that if things got tough they can come here we can take care of a hundred at lunch every day and we'll make fresh soup and fresh bread and uh we'll have a good time are there other churches within the community who are reaching out you know to to people within the community there are some that are doing various things i don't know of anybody that's doing the canning and the things like we're doing here but they they certainly have some deep concerns about it and we have many

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concerns about it and we have many feeding kitchens and soup kitchens in the community what do you do with all the food that you have that you've gathered here if nothing happened well then we go to scene two scene two of the hurricane and we got some pretty big wake-up calls this year with irene and the other one so that if we don't use it for y2k it'll get used for emergencies like hurricanes if it doesn't get used to that we'll just use it in time with our regular feeding ministries as you were telling me though your concern was that things might not happen immediately but maybe there'd be a domino effect and things might happen a few days or a week down the road where you could see the effects the two things we see in our country the small businesses don't seem to be quite up to speed yet and in the world we're not sure how that's going to go so three to six months gonna be a big time to see how that all falls out and tonight a big event here you're going to be uh actually having a service here tonight to bring in the new millennium we'll be doing a shabbat shalom dinner at 6 30 and then we'll spend the rest of the night in the sanctuary sometimes tuning in on the world news we have a big new television set see what's going on knowing what to pray for and just taking it right on through the new year reverend tony thank you so much for spending some time and here again the congregation is going to be meeting this evening starting at about 6 30 eastern time and they certainly are prepared this is john zarrella reporting live from cocoa florida thank you john well today people around the world are watching the clock and so is our bruce morton he's keeping his eye on what's believed to be the official timing clock for the world and there it is we'll have a live report just ahead [Music]

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from wall street to the world the clock is still ticking toward a new millennium in many parts of the world and here in the us at the naval observatory our bruce morton is watching a clock that's expected to keep time for many more millennia to come the commerce department wants you to know that it's nist okay national institute for standards and technology opened america's first cesium fountain atomic clock this week in boulder colorado i have no idea exactly what one of those is but it can run 18.7 million years without gaining or losing a second the press release says almost 20 million years which is pretty casual for something that accurate don't you think the french have one of these clocks too you won't be able to get one for the kitchen just yet but it gets you to thinking about time politicians time well the british prime minister went and negotiated with hitler came back promised peace in our time and a couple of deep breaths later world war ii began politicians time i spent a week covering hillary rodham clinton's campaign in new york and the most punctual she ever was was 45 minutes late time may be too important to leave to the queen elizabeth the first a tough lady is supposed to have offered a bargain on her guest bed all my possessions for a moment of time but historians doubt that she really said it poets shakespeare who knew he could write told a lady love in one of his sonnets not marvel nor the gilded monuments of

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not marvel nor the gilded monuments of princes shall outlive this powerful rhyme but you shall shine more bright in these contents than unswept stone be smeared with slush time we don't know how much time those lines will outlast but they've held up for about 400 years so far but i like the story of the guy in silicon valley working to make computers faster and faster and faster who one day walked out leaving a note of resignation i am going to a commune in vermont and will deal with no unit of time shorter than a season right millennia come and go seasons growth harvest renewal seasons matter it'll be time for pitchers and catchers in just a few more weeks well i like the seasons but this is a place where they slice time much more finely than that this is the official atomic plant behind me they're sending out signals from here for balloon drops and all sorts of things all over the country all over for that matter the world no yk bug admitted here time is marching on natalie jonathan bruce we keep looking at our watches i guess everyone at home is looking at that clock behind you making sure their watch is set just right we interviewed sir arthur clark the author of 2001 a space odyssey who believed that we're all celebrating a year early that the millennium actually begins in 2001 what's the official due from the naval observatory about that well the official view is that arthur is absolutely right we are all a year early but it's a swell party everybody's having a nice time and as a sort of

compromise they're going to do some of this again next year and they're calling this whole coming year the millennial year you can put that at either end you like all right sounds good this is a further reason to keep on partying thank you bruce morton at the naval observatory our coverage continues we'll be coming up with more of a hundred hours of our continuous millennium coverage and just a few minutes pakistan will celebrate the new millennium stay with us [Music]

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what a way to kick off the year 2000 monday larry's very special guest is monica lewinsky that's monday nine eastern only on cnn every day across america more and more children are improving their reading because of hooked on phonics dylan was just struggling having a hard time getting through a book he used hooked on phonics for only four weeks and i was amazed at the progress he had made over the summer hopefully really works use hooked on phonics and see the improvement in your child's reading in just four weeks or your money back we guarantee it call to order and with your paid order get the world book encyclopedia on cd-rom free call 1888 abcdefg businesses throughout the ages have faced the need to advertise to effectively communicate armed with a great product or service successful companies have tried all kinds of creative ways to tell their story but always they've been limited by available technology until now it's time to rediscover comcast cable advertising targeted high quality communications that deliver the advertising impact you want comcast cable advertising we're the best way to tell your story cnh let's cook is going into overtime new year's day if football's not your game then join paul dylan for 12 hours of exciting pounding pranking spacing and baking action a lot of things going on today you have to pay attention 24 shows over 50 recipes all cooking all day we do that on let's cook from simple snacks to exotic dinners power meals to diners delights kick off your new years right with paul dillon on cnh let's cook from one to one new year's day 1999 at the dawn of the new millennium where will you be celebrate new year's eve with the musician of our generation in the concert of the millennium ring into the year 2000 start order in this exclusive in-demand pay-per-view event and crown the century

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pay-per-view event and crown the century with the ultimate party saw in your home rave until the year 2000 starring an in-demand pay-per-view exclusive celebrating the new millennium this is [Music] cnn [Music] the new millennium comes to central asia in just moments we'll take you to pakistan a new member of the world's most exclusive fraternity the nuclear weapons club y2k fears abound in pakistan with concerns about everything from electricity to air travel to medical care pakistan is also home to the second highest mountain peak in the world and the new century also begins in parts of the mountainous region that spent much of the last century under soviet rule uzbekistan and tajikistan cnn's coverage of millennium 2000 continues right now [Music] foreign [Music] as new york's times square awaits its appointment with midnight and its noisy sounds of celebration there's a quieter sound in newport kentucky from the first international time zone to greet the millennium until the very last every hour the world peace bell is tolling its own welcome along with the wish for peace is going on in the town of newport kentucky the 12 feet by 12 feet bell which weighs 33 tons is the world's largest free swinging bell

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swinging bell organizers expect 50 000 people to visit the world peace bell throughout this day miss america heather french will sing let there be peace on earth as newport kentucky greets year 2000 at midnight and as we wait the time where they're going to ring this huge bell i want to read for you a winning essay that a high school student in the united states wrote about peace in our time this comes from benjamin balskas and this is from his winning essay in benjamin writes the task of making peace belongs to my generation we are a generation that is too young to remember the cold war and we are unaffected by it whereas it was a constant issue in the lives of my parents our memories are boundaries falling down rather than being built up let's listen as they ring this bell four three two one zero all right countries all right and the celebration will go on there in newport kentucky and so we move now to times square natalie in times square they are celebrating

along with the people from india and pakistan and nepal and uzbekistan and tajikistan because they're celebrating new year's eve for every time zone in the world in times square right now we are looking at one of the elaborate entertainment options that are available today in the square a 16 foot elephant is going through times square four elegant peacocks that are each nearly 20 feet tall they're all walking down the streets of times square as midnight has arrived in the indian subcontinent we're hearing rich music from pakistan and india and that will complete this hour celebration as we speak right now there are tens of thousands of people in times square and we're talking about a time that's still 10 hours before new year's here in new york city in the

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new year's here in new york city in the eastern time zone but the celebration started early this morning to welcome in the new years from every region of the world and police are telling us they have bigger crowds than they expected at this time what they do anticipate before the night is over is up to two million people in times square which should be by far the most they've ever had since they've started doing this in this area in 1904 here's the elephant you're looking at right now 16 feet tall and it's amazing what we've seen throughout the day here the different types of art that have wandered through the streets of times square in the heart of the island of manhattan population of manhattan 1.6 million people that gives you an idea of how big the crowd is expecting today of 2 million people here in times square new york natalie back to you gary tuchman thank you we'll continue to follow the goings-on at times square throughout this day every hour there's a different theme celebrating different parts of the world so we'll continue to bring you the festivities now to jonathan the new year has just begun in pakistan while pakistan doesn't rely heavily on computers there have been some y2k concerns linked to the country's recent access to the nuclear club cnn's john raber has a report soldiers of the world's newest nuclear-armed military decades in development pakistan's nuclear weapons were successfully tested and put in place just a year and a half ago the first major challenge to those weapons is not war but y2k pakistan's inexperience in managing nuclear weapons has raised concerns about the security of its fledgling nuclear arsenal cnn asked the man who seized power in pakistan in october general pervez musharraf about the potential for millennium related trouble well i'm told by the scientists that we

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well i'm told by the scientists that we are absolutely secure and there's no problem in that absolutely secure and you have no worries or concerns has your concern number one your paramount concern about y2k been with regard to the nuclear arsenal it was yes and therefore i had asked scientists to ensure that it does not get affected and it is not affected those who run other y2k critical activities in pakistan such as airlines power supply banking and telecommunications insist they are ready for the calendar change some of those involved point out that developing countries enjoy a y2k advantage over developed nations in developing countries the level of automation is much lower therefore the vulnerability in this particular case works to their advantage that the lower level of automation means less thing that could potentially go wrong pakistan might not be widely exposed to y2k because of its relatively low level of dependence on computers but potentially it could be vastly exposed if something goes awry with the world's newest least tested nuclear arsenal cnn's john radler joins us now on the line from karachi happy new year john what's the new year like in pakistan well in english pakistan means land of the pure as a nation it is only 52 years old yet the land we now call pakistan has been peopled since the stone age pakistan came about primarily as a homeland for muslims on the asian subcontinent and in 1956 it became as it is today an islamic republic government figures show 95 of pakistan's 135 million people

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95 of pakistan's 135 million people are muslim that alone tends to temper the celebration here of two millennia of christianity as does the fact that this is ramadan or ramazan as it's called here a period of denial and atonement for muslim and so this day january the first is not a holiday in pakistan that said there is some

celebrating going on here from our hotel balcony we have been hearing for the last 15 or 20 minutes periodic bangs going off in the background they are not fireworks they are guns being fired in the air guns fired in celebration not in anger and in recent hours there has been an exodus of people especially young people from karachi heading to nearby beaches to celebrate this has caused late-night traffic jams in pakistan's biggest city and jonathan there is also a noticeably large police and paramilitary presence on the city streets this in part to guard against a small element of muslim extremists on past new year's eves these vigilantes have resorted to intimidation and violence against people they suspect of celebrating something they deem to be unmuslim mubarak or happy new year to the people of pakistan natalie well some folks are afraid to fly in the millennium but just ahead we'll meet a pilot who's getting ready to go up also ahead how one michigan town plans to bring the wide 2k bug to a complete stop we'll have that and for even more on the arrival of year 2000 visit us on the world wide web at cnn.com [Music] cnn's global coverage of millennium 2000 is brought to you by aflac without it

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is brought to you by aflac without it no insurance is complete well when i got hurt in this work i thought i had supplemental insurance supplement of assurance what's that half lack well even best insurance doesn't give you cash to cover things like loss pay other expenses this does what dancing i flag shouldn't ask about it at work really what's it called aflac without it no insurance is complete there's a very special ring it sails this year with the millennium set in diamonds inside the band it's an exquisite half carat diamond solitaire and 18 karat gold for a special price of only 19.99 think of it just as the millennium is turning you will have the power to make time stand still exclusively at sales stores or shop online at sales.com how do you measure success [Music] presenting i choice for morgan stanley dean winter a dynamic new financial program that lets you achieve welcome all seemed relatively well if very tired as you can imagine indian officials say they still hope to bring the hijackers to justice those are the big stories of new year's eve there are also some big concerns air travel safety among them long a prime worry of government officials and y2k planners around the world and the rest of us as well cnn's mike hanna joins us now from frankfurt germany where airport workers have spent years making sure planes fly smoothly into the year 2000 mike well jonathan the departure board here is unusually quiet the normally bustling concourse behind me is

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concourse behind me is unusually empty clearly many people unwilling to travel over this period i've been backwards and forth from london in the last 24 hours and a normally busy flight was exceedingly empty several airlines have cancelled flights partly because of lack of demand but also because of potential y2k problems in the air as that 99 ticks over into the double zero but we've been told repeatedly over recent months that no major y2k problems are expected in the air and certainly at this airport in particular no major problems are expected on the ground each minute a flight lands or takes off frankfurt airport is the busiest in continental europe in the past 12 months almost 50 million passengers have passed through and special preparations to ensure the safety of those arriving or leaving in the next 24 hours have been underway for the past four years we will take care on everything which is safety related or security related in such way that there will be no problem because if there would be a problem in terms of safety and security then we could not operate this airport the smooth running of the airport is entirely dependent on its computer systems the delivery of baggage the booking of flights air conditioning the things passengers take for granted are all computer linked most importantly the computers play a critical role in the final control of aircraft landing and taking off the systems have been checked and rechecked and those here are confident there will be no computer problems on the ground or in the air confident but not complacent we will have more staff in the night of the turn of the century than we normally have because we have to prepare for special situations maybe emergency we don't know exactly but we want to be prepared for it

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prepared for it there's most concern over the possibility of having to deal with problems that do not originate here the y2k planners point out the airport is not an island on its own linked to due to the traffic process to a lot of other partners especially quite for sure to the airlines and as the traffic here in frankfurt is not a local or regional or national traffic but a worldwide traffic the development of this traffic is depending on how the traffic at other areas is going to develop in the best case scenario not even luggage will go missing the worst case well we are rightly told that it's not possible to foresee the unforeseeable well one person is going to be up in the air as that 99 changes to the zero zero is captain claus schwab from lufthansa you're going to be flying from frankfurt to namibia until namibia clearly you don't expect any problems whatsoever on your site no i don't expect any problems it could be some uh minor things perhaps on the ground where third-party telephone lines are used or something like that but we took care of that and yada and rko established other frequencies in the worst case that we can talk one airplane to the other or even telephone numbers i mean for the very worst case but i don't expect anything like that that uh as we see from the parties nothing has happened yet so uh but we are prepared as a pilot what sort of procedures have you gone through leading up to this particularly with any form of computer malfunction well uh the planes are thoroughly checked and uh there are very new computers and also completely different software used and uh in spite of that it has been checked there's essential clock which has been set to the 99 2000 uh i mean the plane has flown actually to that and uh i do not expect anything on the plane but as i say uh it could be something on the ground traffic control or some problems with a luggage some place or

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luggage some place or but minor things nothing serious what are you going to do as you enter a new millennium up in the air oh look out of the window and uh well we'll do it on the ground after captain thank you very much indeed for joining us and have a wonderful flight to ventuck we will hopefully be in touch with the captain on his flight as he wings his way across continents to namibia and as we said he does not expect any y2k problems in the air none have been reported from any sector this airport is technically closed between 20 to 12 to approximately half past two in the morning not closed as such there will be no intercontinental uh traffic at that particular time however there will be a number of charter flights going out in the air and certainly there have been no problems whatsoever seen in the smooth running of this and off all the other airports that we've heard from around the globe at the stage jonathan mike hannah that's right everywhere we've looked the y2k nightmare hasn't materialized we'll find out more we're going to go live to the y2k center in washington when we come back so stay with us cnn's global coverage of millennium 2000 is presented by lincoln american luxury [Music] wood level adrenaline the new lincoln ls

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[Music] bullish analyzing days from wall street to the world on a millennium 2000 special dr steve salvatore discusses the possibilities of a cure for everything and looks at the challenges of disease prevention worldwide on the network of the millennium cnn tonight on the emmy award-winning larry king live we'll have a millennium's worth of guests throughout december tonight larry's special guests are his holiness the dalai lama and the reverend billy graham it's a millennial month of guests tonight nine eastern and all month only on cnn [Music] we'd like to think we're something of a nerve center here at cnn headquarters especially on a big day like this one but there is another place that is without doubt a really big nerve center and that's the national y2k command center cnn's gene missouri joins us now from that very busy post in washington gene jonathan it's far too early to say that the y2k bug has been exterminated but it certainly is making itself scarce behind me here you see public information officers from some federal agencies and also key industries they're among the people at this senator center monitoring develops nationally and internationally and this is what

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and internationally and this is what they've learned so far that in the places where the calendar has rolled over into the year 2000 there have been no major infrastructure problems that would include countries like new zealand australia south korea japan and also the first time zones in russia there had been particular concern about nuclear facilities in russia the first of those the billabino facility has now rolled over into the new year with no incident elsewhere and other energy sectors no problems transportation no problems internet no problems financial services no problems there was some problem with phone service in japan but officials are attributing that to what they call the mother's day phenomenon that is everyone was picking up the phone to wish a happy new year to their family and friends they say the problems were not y2k related the head of the president's council on y2k conversion is hopeful that this smooth transition is a is a bellwether of a smooth transition to come elsewhere developed countries anyway including australia and new zealand obviously are making the transition uh effectively and so that i think that means that the chances of some unknown or unmanageable uh catastrophe happening around the world are minimized significantly on the other hand i would stress that we need to continue to monitor all of these systems over the weekend and then particularly on monday when we opened for business again officials say there has been no buying panic in the u.s that commodities like gasoline and water and pharmaceuticals are still in good supply but they aren't congratulating themselves yet they know that much of the world has yet to roll over into the new year and that some problems will not show up for days perhaps weeks even months as john koskinen said there are many miles to go before we sleep and i have to share with you with you one anecdote this is sort of a down period here at the press center we just walked into the press briefing room and they're watching a movie in there and the movie is apocalypse now jonathan natalie back to you

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you gene reserve in washington i guess that's a good sign thank you dean while most u.s communities expect any y2k computer problems to be minor folks are taking a variety of precautions just in case the city of troy michigan has a low tech answer to any potential problems that might occur with its traffic lights and sergeant don osterski is on the phone from the troy police department to tell us what's the plan sergeant the plan is if we do lose our traffic signals due to either power outage like if we had an electrical storm or an ice storm or any other weather related incident we have deployed stop signs and barricades we've designed our intersections where we can free up officers to answer emergency runs for service by directing the flow of traffic by stop signs and barricades to keep traffic moving through the city of troy so basically you've already put up these stop signs throughout your city that will be unveiled in the event of a problem with the traffic light that is correct the stop signs have all been put up and um there's bags that have been placed over them that we can just go out and remove the bags and create four-way stops at the major intersection well smart to cover your bases and we wish you well hope you don't have to unveil those stop signs we hope everything goes smoothly in troy michigan sergeant ostrovsky thank you for joining us now off to jonathan in the event of crisis tear the garbage bag if you have a personal computer you may have taken safeguards against the y2k bug if you didn't already you do still have time since greg lafave is at a hewlett packard help center where people are calling for technical assistance on last minute precautions greg at the hewlett packard y2k center they have assembled people from literally around the world hewlett-packard has something like 100 operations in 50 different countries they're monitoring their customers their industrial customers their personal customers and some of their government customers as well with me is brad whitworth brad

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as well with me is brad whitworth brad we've been through what eight maybe nine time zones now how's it going we've been talking to our customers from around the world checking our own internal operations and we have nothing but good news to report about y2k so far this is a boring day but you guys have been busy for how long how many months we've been working for months if not years in some instances to make sure our products are ready that our customers could really move through y2k as smoothly as possible and so far today it's been great news okay now a lot of folks have their own personal computers and uh you got to be thinking about this as you wake up today uh what about my own pc with me is uh rob waite rob runs the pc division here give me a quick one two three what should folks do today well whatever brand of pc you've got

there's three things you should be doing today to ensure your role your year 2k rollover the first one is back up your data print out any personal information that is absolutely vital to you secondly you should install or update any virus software that you have and finally before 12 o'clock tonight tonight power down your system so you have a clean boot up tomorrow morning so you shouldn't be sitting in front of your computer when when the year rolls over you should be out doing something else with your friends that's absolutely right good advice from the computer folks that's the situation here in palo alto california i'm greg lafave cnn reporting live back to you in atlanta thank you greg in just a moment we will go to afghanistan one place in the world not celebrating the new millennium stay with us [Music] [Applause] cnn's global coverage of millennium 2000 is brought to you by morgan stanley dean witter we measure success one investor at a time [Music]

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from the company that has always valued the individual above all else comes the most individual way yet of achieving success presenting eye choice for morgan stanley dean witter a whole new level of personal service that lets you achieve your success your way [Music] how do you measure success [Music] at morgan stanley dean litter we measure success one investor at a time on a millennium 2000 special garrett gutley takes a look at the possibilities for the future with guests faith popcorn and watts whacker only on cnn if you're ready to lose weight muscle up and get back into shape i've got a free video you're going to love introducing a winning fitness strategy you got to eat healthy drink plenty of water and most importantly strength train with both legs strength training adds muscle not only does your shape look better you actually increase your metabolism hey i'm 41 and i'm in the best shape of my life and i can tell you bowflex really does work for a free video and brochure on the machine that can help you get into great shape at any age call right now comcast brings you sports 24 hours a day round-the-clock action and now through in the gardenstate.com you can follow your favorite sports online national and local sports news plus tips on how to improve your game all within thegardenstate.com abby tools online at www.abbeytools.com only through inthegardenstate.com your neighborhood online celebrating the new millennium this is

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celebrating the new millennium this is cnn portland sydney from the cnn weather center with a pretty good forecast for a lot of the areas now celebrating the year 2000 of course we've been covering most of the asian area and southeast asia and the indian subcontinent big high pressure ridge of course dominates the himalayas the active weather is generally to the north of that or to the south right in here is where you see the inter-tropical convergence zone of course we've been through sri lanka with some showers to the south not a whole lot going on though as you head out towards karachi things are fairly quiet there is a cold front up to the north whether it makes it through these mountains i would be surprised temperatures of course will probably be somewhere in the 60s fahrenheit millennium coverage continues it is less than two minutes until midnight in one of today's political hot spots afghanistan for at least three millennia afghanistan's location in the crossroads of central asia has invited invasion and conquest but afghans are getting set to usher in a new millennium as mystery and suspicions surround its ruling fundamentalist muslim movement afghanistan enters the new millennium as the headquarters of the taliban and the suspected home of alleged terrorist financier osama bin laden cnn's coverage of millennium 2000 rolls on right now [Music] transferred [Music] welcome back to our coverage a new year for more than 150 people new freedom just this week of course afghanistan was the scene of a hijack drama that ended

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the scene of a hijack drama that ended this very day seeing as nick robertson is on the line from the southern afghan city of kandahar with the latest nick well jonathan it's just turned midnight now here in kandahar and it was a little over eight hours ago that those hostages were released now as part of the deal to release those hostages the five hijackers and the three released muslim terrorists from uh from kashmir were given a ten hour ultimatum to leave afghanistan they took with them one taliban senior official as their

hostage so right now those uh those terrorists and those kashmiri militants have only two hours to leave afghanistan it's not clear to which country they'll go it's believed that pakistan does not want them the one of the other countries they could go to would be iran but most people here do believe that they will likely head in the direction of pakistan that is the closest country from where we are here in kandahar in afghanistan so they have a little under two hours now to leave afghanistan when they do leave they promise to release the taliban official that they're holding us hostage taliban believe that those uh hijackers and those kashmiri uh those kashmiri uh freedom fighters will in fact keep good on their word jonathan nick the taliban are an isolated regime leading what has been a pariah state is your sense that they've gotten something out of this hijacking a little bit of credibility maybe there is a sense here that they've been able to show a different face to the world the taliban have been quite aware acutely aware that a lot of attention has been focused on them in fact the senior united nations official of afghanistan said today that he commended the taliban for their uh for their handling of the hijacking crisis he said that they'd handled the

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he said that they'd handled the situation extremely well given the pressure put upon them now the taliban speaking late late this afternoon after the hostages were released the foreign minister mr mudawakeel did say that uh that he felt that the uh that everything had gone off well it could things he said could have gone very badly but he was very pleased that things had gone well and he did think that this would be good for the taliban the taliban are very keen to be accepted into uh the uh to the united nations and he will take very kindly the words that he's heard from the united nations officials here today jonathan nick robertson in afghanistan natalie it is three hours until midnight in the egyptian desert but an elaborate tribute to the millennium already has begun at the pyramids the ancient monuments are the backdrop for a modern extravaganza and that's where we find cnn's jim murray jim natalie we're at the base of the great pyramid where the sphinx you see is being lit tonight as it is every night for a light and sound show but the real show tonight is about to begin in just an hour on the other side of the pyramids egypt has commissioned a multi-million dollar extravaganza written by famed french musician and composer jean-michel jar egyptian president hosni mubarak will attend with an estimated crowd of fifty thousand you see many gathering there already some however in this predominantly muslim country are offended that the pyramids are being used as a backdrop for some of this light show a uh the national opposition paper today included this headline and the caption here reading devil atop the great pyramid still these pyramids have inspired generations around the world for centuries and they continue to do so in ancient egypt pyramids were the tombs of kings houses of worship and centers of civilization in ancient mexico they were stairs on which to climb to reach the gods in the modern world they are museums office buildings casinos

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office buildings casinos and sports arenas i think there's probably a human universal that in the simplicity and elegance of this trade that is something that we are challenged by among the best known of modern pyramids the glass structure added to the louvre museum in paris that same architect ian pei also designed a glass pyramid for cleveland ohio's rock and roll hall of fame but it was the louvre interpretation that inspired california architect don gibbs when he put that that super elegant pyramid in the middle of it it just was a marvelous contrast so when gibbs was hired to plan a new arena for cal state university at long beach they were looking for some kind of an icon he designed an 18-story pyramid this pyramid is more than a building it's an attitude on this campus architects keep building pyramids not because they are structurally superior but because of their connection to a mystical time we tend to associate ancient egypt with mystery with wisdom with many achievements that perhaps we can't really reach or we can't really understand in all their complexity but the modern pyramids still do not eclipse their ancestors the 21 000 seat sports arena in memphis tennessee called the great pyramid and the third largest hotel in the world the luxor in las vegas nevada both pale in comparison to the great pyramid in giza built 4 000 years ago and bigger than both egypt's minister of tourism told me yesterday that these pyramids are really more than egypt's national treasure he said they belong to all humanity jim moray cnn giza egypt thank you jim and from egypt now we

want to take you live to washington d.c president clinton and his second appearance of the day is at the ronald reagan building the international trade center and he is about to give a speech to the children around the world his hopes for the new millennium [Applause]

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[Applause] we wanted to spend a part of this day with diplomatic representatives from around the world and with children from around the world to signal the importance of strengthening our global community in the new millennium on this day 200 years ago in 1799 our second president welcomed the 19th century it then took six weeks by boat to get news from europe on this day a hundred years ago when president william mckinley marked the start of the 20th century it took six seconds to send a text by telegraph today satellites and the internet carry our voices and images instantaneously all around the world never before have we known as much about each other never before have we depended so much on each other never before have we had such an opportunity to move toward what the generations have prayed for peace on earth and a better life for all we must both imagine a brighter future and dedicate ourselves to building it and i ask you all here today to reaffirm the clear understanding that we must do it together two thousand years ago the calendar that turns at midnight began with the birth of a child

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began with the birth of a child on straw in a stable with a single shining star in the sky it attracted no notice at the time today as we meet in this international center though all the world is now a part of this millennial calendar change we must recognize that for more than half the world because they are not christians the number 2000 has less significance for muslims this is the year 1420. for hindus it is 1921. for buddhists it is 25 43. mayans honor the year 51 19 and the hebrew calendar marks this year as 57 60. so what we celebrate here today is not so much a common calendar of history or faith but a common future for all people of will a future of peace and harmony a future rooted in the forces of freedom and enterprise and globalization and science and technology that have powered so much of the 20th century but a future which now now may reflect timeless lessons as well the lessons of all religious faiths love your neighbor as yourself do unto others as you would have done to you bringing you a flavor of what president clinton is sending out to the children of the world as he speaks at the ronald reagan building the international trade center his speech goes on we will pause take a break when we come back we'll take you

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back we'll take you live to jerusalem a city that may see a subdued new year's eve as they usher it in in two hours 22 minutes we'll have that [Music] in any business there can be only one priority but morgan stanley dean witter we have never forgotten ours not surprisingly we measure success a little differently you go to great effort to keep your body in shape but where do you go to give your mind a workout go to the world today and get the best of cnn in one power packed hour daily news money news an in-depth look at the most important issues today watch the world today and exercise the most important muscle of all your brain cnn you are what you know i will not be afraid of the dark [Music] i will not feel guilty leaving my dog [Music] alone i will feel better about my dad living by himself i will know my children are safe [Music] i will go on vacation and finally be able to relax adt's advanced technology and skilled professionals help more people feel safe in more ways than any other security company call now and get our sophisticated burglary system installed for as little as ninety nine dollars plus get two months free monitoring i

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plus get two months free monitoring i will live my life my life my life call now and get the adt burglary system from 99 installed plus two months free monitoring to get the power of adt it was the century that saw the end of the 600 year old ottoman empire and independence for many peoples of the middle east but it was also a century of bloodshed in that part of the world year 2000 dons with some hope that the arab-israeli peace process might help transform that region at last so how do jews and muslims view what much of the world is

calling the millennium here's cnn's walter rogers jonathan the camera is now focused on manger square in bethlehem on the west bank a city now under the control of the palestinian authority throngs of people are in the square now and they have been pouring in for several hours many of them have been going in and out of the church of the nativity the traditional site of jesus birth in the in the middle east this millennium has a dimension many of our viewers may not have thought about although president clinton pointed it out a few moments ago though the year 2000 is about to dawn as president clinton noted for jews of particularly religious observant jews this is the year 5760 since adam and since creation on the muslim calendar this is only the year 1420 still all of this raises special sensitivities in this part of the world [Music] last new year's eve many israelis would like to celebrate this new year's as well the main problem jerusalem the first day of the year 2000 falls on the jewish sabbath saturday in jerusalem orthodox jews rigidly observe their day of rest and expect quiet contemplation by all breach of their sabbath can bring a hail of stones or garbage in some orthodox circles there have even been suggestions of

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been suggestions of postponing the millennium to accommodate the jewish sabbath we would like in our circles not to be disturbed in the shabbat for the vast majority of the holy lands muslims there seems less open apprehension about the coming millennium like jews muslims have a different calendar and for both people this is simply not their millennium still the quran is also filled with frightening end of the world images similar to those found in the hebrew and christian bibles abdul aziz bukhari is a muslim shake if you look around you earthquakes tornadoes thunders stones all kind of things is happening killing and destroying things and that's because of the evil thought in the people here there seems less wariness of christian pilgrims in muslim communities than in israel christian conversion has not historically threatened islam besides muslims unlike most jews honor jesus as a prophet we are believing in the millennium we are believing in the end of the world we are all believing in the judgement day perhaps but for most muslims and jews here their immediate concern is less millennial and more mundane two to four million pilgrims are expected to create national gridlock yet even gridlock has a silver lining in the holy land's millennial observances the prospect of more tourist dollars deutsche marks and franks theology won't explain anything here a modern capitalism would be able to explain it all people here are waiting to make profits of that that's all if the millennium is about profits people here are ready from the palestinian huckster to the israeli tour guide the lord jesus when he was after all tel aviv's multi-million dollar hotels were not built to be closed during the biggest party of the century

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we're now just about two hours from the stroke of midnight here in the middle east and it should be fun in bethlehem the palestinians are going to release 2 000 white doves symbols of peace then they're going to set off a huge fireworks display dove's dodging fireworks the perfect metaphor for the middle east i'm walter rogers cnn live from manger square in bethlehem thank you walt up next it was a dictatorship until this year now it stares at democracy for its future we'll take you live to nigeria when we come back [Music] when i got hurt in this work i thought i had supplemental insurance supplement of insurance what's that well even best insurance doesn't give you cash to cover things like loss pay other expenses this does what's dancing you shouldn't ask about it at work really what's it called aflac without it no insurance is complete [Music] in any business there can be only one priority but morgan stanley dean litter we have never forgotten ours [Music] not surprisingly we measure success a little differently long ago when dinosaurs walked the earth there lived a young long neck called littlefoot separated from his family his only hope for survival lay in a faraway place called the great valley it would take courage bravery and the

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it would take courage bravery and the help of some new friends to make the difficult journey the journey through the land before time cartoon network's cartoon theater presents the land before time saturday at 7 on cartoon network the new millennium cannot come soon enough for many countries including one nation

many africans call home cnn's richard blystone joins us from lagos nigeria and this is just a warm-up this is just the warm-up a little more than three hours from now when midnight strikes nigeria this will be the scene of the biggest party in the biggest city in the most populous country in africa there will be fireworks in the national capital abuja and hour's plane flight from here but this square will be filled with jiving people as well all of the faiths in this country have been holding services today muslims christians and interfaith services there are those who will not be celebrating tonight though they're the ones thousands of them who will be watching out for the millennium bug their eyes nervously cast eastward to see if anybody is affected there this has not been a great millennium for nigeria or any country in africa marked by war and slavery and colonial domination and the 20th century also has not been a great one for the country they call the sleeping giant of africa [Music] members of nigeria's edo tribe give thanks for another year of survival here where the ancient kingdom of benin once flourished the chief is still the focus and the government's far away it's been a century of dashed hopes for

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it's been a century of dashed hopes for nigeria africa's most populous country rich in resources from fruit to minerals it should have been the powerhouse of the continent but in 40 years since independence from britain it's had 11 governments seven military coups one civil war corruption has drained its well the world's sixth biggest oil supplier has a huge external debt this bread basket has to import food many years ago in nigeria everything was supposed to happen by the year 2000 there will be education for by the year 2000 health care for all by the year 2000 the housing falls all by the year 2000 and suddenly the year 2000 has arrived almost an amount and none of those things are available to nigerians now after seven months of civilian rule under president olusegun obasanjo hope is on the rise again down here the y2k bug doesn't mean much but for many who work with the country's half million computers it's been a race to get ready the government says airports banks the oil industry and telecommunications are up to standard we have done everything humanly possible to ensure we are y2k ready nigerians joke that here it's y2k every day power cuts are just part of life as the government struggles with today's problems ethnic feuding imposition of islamic law in the north banditry plaguing the oil industry in the east you can read what nigeria wants to be from the broad boulevards and the modern buildings of the new capital abuja already for a new century the boss of an electronics shop says good riddance to the old one it was a disaster a nightmare for most nigerians

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nigerians so we're very very anxious to go into the new millennium and we hope things will be better whether they will be is still as obscure as the sun through the dry season smog but for now as you can see the nigerians have not lost their appetite for life richard bryce don't see it in live in lagos nigeria a new year a new century a new millennium are beginning we'll have the sights and sounds when we come back [Music] on a millennium 2000 special miles o'brien and john zarella shoot for the stars with a look at the future of space exploration on the network of the millennium [Music] thirty contenders three companies one winner the new lincoln ls motor trend car of the year [Music] i've been the start on my own tv show oh really i am the star of my own tv show i've been in tv movies i've been on the silver screen i've got a big glove oh really i've got a fan club too i've done an animal i've had a hit record they don't know about her i have down syndrome show off what's it gonna be this year learn a dead language save something ugly sweat now you're talking because the sail the sentry is now on at the wiz and there's never been a better time to shop tvs we've got 2 inch to 70 inch sound systems we've never sounded

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inch sound systems we've never sounded better save on hundreds of computers vcrs dvds digital cameras pops phones if there's a tag on it you save on it when the wiz puts on the sale of the sentry you'll know it's gonna be big but it's not gonna last so get into the whiz your tickets entertainment each one of us is unique in what we do what we think what we strive for how do you reach us how do you make sure we hear what you

have to say the new york interconnect gives advertisers the ability to be seen in over 3.4 million homes on 20 of america's most popular cable networks networks that target every type of person the new york interconnect the way advertising works [Music] of course the climax of today's new year's eve celebration comes when the world's clocks and calendars roll over to 2000. that event several hours away in america but it's already taken place in many countries and here's a look at what it was like the celebration indeed has begun here in auckland new zealand uh people are now enjoying the moment enjoying the passing of 1999 for the year 2000 [Music] the boats are out in the harbour there are some five to seven thousand votes on sydney harbour at the moment with 250 000 people on board that's in addition to the 1.2 to 1.5 million gathered around sydney harbour now those boats honking their horns as they watch this magnificent display literally right over their heads and there you have it the new year in tokyo what you just heard was the ringing of a massive bell that's behind me a bronze bell cast in the 1670s it will be struck 108

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cast in the 1670s it will be struck 108 times over the next hour and a half every 50 seconds to ward away the evil desires of man quite a celebration on the streets of seoul it's been very crowded here this really marking a new millennium a lot of the hopes for south korea to regain some of its economic strength we are looking at the famous hong kong skyline authorities here were saying that they were expecting about 1.2 million people to be out on the streets tonight there's a sense of optimism and sense of hope here that perhaps the year 2000 will be a good year for everyone here right at the stroke of midnight chinese president jiang jimin lit a flame it's called the eternal flame of the chinese people and it's meant to represent 5 000 years nearly 5 000 years of continuous chinese civilization the start of a new millennium is less than three minutes away now in the caspian region but not everyone thinks this is the right time to celebrate millennium strikes oil in the petroleum-rich area that houses some of the world's major producers today on talkback live why it may not be millennium after all bobby batista and rizcon coming up in a special edition of talkback live and q a at cnn's millennium 2000 coverage turns another page right now [Music]

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[Music] foreign [Music] reason to celebrate the new year begins with a break in the indian airlines hostage standard and the millennium party ribs into full gear in london you are looking at a live shot of the ferris wheel which will be the centerpiece of the london celebration prime minister tony blair will be launching the party shortly meanwhile cnn's christian amanpour is in greenwich england now bobby yes indeed britain believes itself to be the arbiter of world time you know greenwich mean time and also therefore the arbiter of when the millennium officially starts around the world therefore it's saying that this party here in london and around england will be the biggest and the best in the world what we're looking at now is a live picture of the millennium wheel it is a massive ferris wheel that has been erected precisely for this occasion it is also known as the london eye and shortly perhaps in the next couple of minutes britain's prime minister tony blair is due to officially inaugurate it he is meant to fire a laser from the stage on the north bank which will illuminate the wheel and start it revolving now one of the things that was meant to happen of course was that specially invited guests were meant to be aboard that wheel in one of the 25 pods that are on the wheel unfortunately though for them the wheel failed a final safety test yesterday and therefore although it will operate tonight it will not take any passengers around with it until they're absolutely sure that this will be safe for passengers to ride in what we understand from british airways which is the main sponsor of the millennium wheel is that those people who were invited and were due to be on this millennium wheel tonight they will nonetheless be given a party on a

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will nonetheless be given a party on a barge in the thames near the wheel and we're told that they will all be given free british airways ticket wherever they wish to go anywhere in the world and once the wheel is up and ready for passengers they will be the first people to ride it so again we're watching the millennial wheel which is on the river here in london we're waiting for prime minister tony blair to inaugurate it to set it in

motion once that happens prime minister blair and the rest of the british cabinet will come here to the millennium dome in greenwich the dome sits pretty there we go the millennium wheel looks like it's being fired up you can see those laser beams in the sky and that is one of the centerpieces of the british millennial celebration for a theme britain has taken time to make a difference and tony blair has constantly spoken about britain being a beacon for the rest of the world there are celebrations all over the united kingdom not just in london although the biggest ones will be in london celebration in scotland you know edinburgh is traditionally the biggest and the most fun new year's eve celebration in england well there will be in great britain there will be celebrations there tonight also in wales and in northern ireland as well as all over the rest of the british isles chris burns is down at the riverside where millions of people are expected there to enjoy the millennium festivities chris yes chris john i'm watching that right across the river myself it's quite spectacular something we've been waiting for hundreds of thousands of people around me have been waiting for for several hours now actually it's quite impressive after this laser show there will be fireworks planned and by 804 that's four minutes after the hour there

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that's four minutes after the hour there is expected to be a flyover of a concord supersonic jetliner that does belong to british airways that also built this 32 million dollar wheel it's uh officially called the british airways the british airways london eye and it is 450 feet tall it is the tallest uh observation wheel or ferris wheel in the world you're able to see 30 miles away here we go done so an amazing site a really amazing site just a taste just a taste of what you'll be seeing later at midnight when there is there will be 16 barges up and down the thames for four miles shooting off 39 tons of fireworks but what organizers say it is the largest fireworks show in the world tonight momentarily we should be seeing i might be seeing right now actually the concord flying in should be flying overhead but we don't see it right away after this at uh in about an hour and 15

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after this at uh in about an hour and 15 minutes the queen comes sailing down the thames to light the largest beacon the national beacon near the tower of london right next to tower bridge where she also will fire a laser into into the beacon that will light the beacon it is a 26 a 25 foot tall beacon 25 tons uh you can hear that you can hear the concord right now here we go unfortunately we don't quite see it yet oh here it is you can see it right behind the wheel actually that if you do hear it it is turning on his afterburners he overplanks about 250 miles an hour a supersonic jet of course and he turned on his afterburners just so we could hear him in just in case we can't see him which we couldn't because of this very low very typical uh low low flung london uh cover here and so in about an hour so we will see the queen lighting the beacon on the thames later on back to you chris john chris you mentioned the concorde we heard it supersonic speed obviously one of the prime examples of the advent this century of technology especially in travel but unfortunately for many people concord never made it to be used by the mass population by the mass group of travelers so a great advance but not one that has been able to be used by the majority of travelers you heard a huge shout and cheer go up down there by the river thames well many many people are expected there tonight some two million people

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tonight some two million people are expected to be out of the street parties by the time here at the dome there are expected to be ten thousand people invited guests uh cabinet ministers you heard the queen prince philip members of the royal family but also members of the community who have been awarded tickets to the millennium dome celebrations based on their community service you can see people coming in they've been starting to come in for the last hour or so most of them have had to come by public transport they come out of a brand new london tube station underground railway station and they're beginning to fill the inside of the millennium dome right now we're going back now to riz and bobby in atlanta all right christian the party is underway in london and welcome to our combined millennium edition of cnn's talkback live and cnn international's q a i'm rizzcon bobby batista and i hosting together as we watch the dawn of a new year

around the globe a new year not yet the new millennium though according to our first guest sir arthur clark it's arthur's the science fiction writer and futurist who brought us the unsettling vision of how the computer run amok in 2001 a space odyssey among other things he envisioned orbiting satellites before their time and has predictions his predictions rather have been so accurate that some people have called him a prophet sir arthur clark has written more than 80 books including his latest greetings carbon-based bipeds he joins us now from his home in colombo sri lanka by way of the intel pc camera provided by our technology partner intel and sir arthur welcome to the show and happy new year to you happy new year to you explain to us why you and so many others do not think that this is the start of the new millennium this is a simple statement of facts though our calendar started in the year one not the year zero and the

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not the year zero and the century will not be up until the year 2001 and the millennium this year 2001. this is a simple statement of fact at the same time i should make it quite clear that we're justified in celebrating what's happening now which is the advent of the year 2000 and i think that's psychologically much more important than the mere change in the calendar well as we look ahead to the year 2001 um are you surprised by what came true and what didn't yes it's impossible to predict the future and i might say i have just been called a prophet i am extrapolated right suggests possible futures and occasionally impossible ones some of my guesses if you like have been pretty accurate but in 2001 we were rather badly off so sir arthur is there time predictions let me ask you then sir what do you think was your most accurate prediction so far one going back as far as you started writing that has come true well of course the communication satellites which i described in the technical paper in 1945 and that has come true in every detail but other things that i described like the the moon base in 2001 we won't see until maybe 2020 let me take a question from the audience harriet is a big fan of yours go ahead harriet thank you sir arthur you had a theory which you outlined a few years ago in the guardian weekly uh which would you say have solved the y2k bug

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have solved the y2k bug can you explain that to us briefly well the y2k which everybody's talking about is it's an old idea it was known for the computer people for 20 years ago and i described it in detail in my novel about the titanic the ghosts and the grand banks there i called it the century syndrome now um it may still bite if i have to wait until the middle of next week and when the shops and banks open on monday and tuesday before we know that we're safe from the boat so don't relax yet sir arthur let me ask you then looking back 30 years so much has changed for the average person we've got computers in our houses many of us and so many things have changed as far as transportation look ahead to the next 30 years what do you think would be the biggest leap we would make well in 30 years i hope we'll be on mars and we may have a permanent moon base that even permanent base on mars we should have explored all the planets by robots and i hope that we found evidence for life on other balance of this solar system and possibly intelligent life and other solar systems but sir arthur i do know that you believe that we haven't explored our own planets entirely just yet i mean i know you're thinking we might find new life forms under the ice around the polar ice caps well uh i'm very excited about the ice cap subway europa the giant moon of jupiter but it's quite true that we know even now that's only attracting the life on this earth in fact quite recently we've discovered to our great surprise a lot of living creatures miles down

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a lot of living creatures miles down inside the earth and tommy gold has called this a hot biosphere it's even conceivable there's more life on the ground than there is on the surface i read in my uh research that you also think that um great strides will be made in the area of human cloning and also that there may possibly be a nuclear explosion within say the first 25 years of this next century do you still think that well you're quoting from us on an imaginary and not too serious uh calendar of the next hundred years and i put many things in there not because i thought they would happen because i hope that by mentioning them i might stop them happening specifically of course due to explosions no i have no doubt that human beings will be cloned

sometime in the next century if they haven't already leaving it's time for a break still ahead more of your questions for sir arthur clark plus from ideas to inventions the relationship between men and machines in the new millennium we'll talk about that right after this [Music] cnn's global coverage of millennium 2000 is brought to you by aflac without its no insurance is complete well when i got hurt in this work i thought i had supplemental insurance

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thought i had supplemental insurance supplement of insurance what's that apply well even best insurance doesn't give you cash to cover things like loss pay other expenses this does what it does you shouldn't ask about it at work really what's it called aflac without it no insurance is complete how do you measure success [Music] presenting eye choice for morgan stanley dean littering a dynamic new financial program that lets you achieve your success your way how do you measure success at morgan stanley dean witter we measure success one investor at a time there's a very special ring in sales this year with the millennium set in diamonds inside the band it's an exquisite half carat diamond solitaire and 18 karat gold for a special price of only 19.99 think of it just as the millennium is turning you will have the power to make time stand still exclusively at sail stores or shop online at zales.com let's face it occasional loss of bladder control is no picnic but now you can be dry and get on with your life with poised pads you see poised pads have a special absorbent material inside called dry touch that holds more than 10 times its weight in fluid locks it into a gel and turns it into a dry fluff so you stay dryer poised pad dryer need i say more [Music] party taking place in times square in new york in the united states as

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new york in the united states as all the millennium celebrations get underway as we bring you this special talk back live and cnn international's q a we've got with us our own carbon-based biped sir arthur clark futurist and author who's joining us from sri lanka by our special camera link up good to have you with us arthur we have more questions from the audience bobby yeah we do let me take one from the sun here go ahead hello um within the next millennium do you believe that we will find a definitive answer as to the origin of the universe as well as its outer limits or boundaries simple answer no maybe no limits to the universe and but i hope we should be trying you know if we did find answers to these great fundamental questions it'd be rather boring what would we do then so arthur let me follow up then one quick question about the way hollywood has influenced us yourself in particular with 2001 a space odyssey do you think perhaps there's been too much expectation now that hollywood is able to create for us amazing images that we can take to be true and we start to expect them in our daily lives too do you think our expectations are too high this is certainly true in the face of space travel i've been star trek and star wars and the other um hollywood movies have given the impression that you know we can go flying around the universe and be on another solar system um in time for the next episode next week was lucky to be like that the exploration of the outer universe beyond the solar system is going to take centuries not weeks let me bring another voice into this conversation sir arthur uh henry petrovsky is professor of civil engineering and history at uh duke university and he is joining us uh from portland oregon today he also writes a column for american scientist

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writes a column for american scientist and he's the author of several books including to engineer his human the pencil and the evolution of useful things his latest book is the book on the bookshelf henry nice to have you with us well it's nice to be with you um you are one of those great people that takes these concepts and makes them into something real what is the difference though between science and engineering well the difference between science and engineering has been explained by theodore von carmen who is quoted as saying that science seeks to understand what is engineering seeks to create what never was and i think that's a very good way of summing it up i like that let me uh you know what i want to take a call from uh dave in california that i think is appropriate for both of you dave go ahead hi arthur um i'm a big fan of 2001 and i'd like to know if you think it's going to be possible in the next century to come up with a computer with

intelligence like how i think there's no doubt that how computers will exist maybe in ten years and whether they'll behave like kyle of course is another question but i'd like to make expected in the long run hal turned out to be a good guy it was the programmers who followed him up so let me get back to henry petrovsky there and just ask then we uh obviously in in some parts of the world are very privileged as far as having computers do you feel that there is an essential need for for the whole of society on this planet to jump forward for us to make sure that the computers are spread across the world to areas such as sri lanka where arthur is joining us from yes i think that really must be a goal uh in the coming years in the coming decades it's clear that the computer is with us for for good and everybody really should share in the opportunities that it provides human beings to understand better what

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human beings to understand better what the sources of information are to have instant access to to markets and to generally be connected to the rest of the world let me go back to that question about how because that uh it leads us a little bit into morality even though sir arthur said you know it's the programmers that messed up hal but at the same time when we talk about something like cloning does the scientific and engineering community do they think about the issue of morality do they have an obligation to think about it or or do they remain neutral let me have uh henry answer that first well i think that they think about it very much it's a question that's foremost in the minds of of engineers and scientists but i think also that that engineers and scientists want to do what is possible within their discipline they want to push the limits they want to push the envelope to understand better where those limits are and what their implications are so on the one hand they are very aware and they they do take precautions uh when they think they might be going into areas that could be potentially dangerous for themselves or for the human race but ultimately scientists and engineers do want to try what can be done and sir arthur what are your thoughts on science remaining morally neutral well science and then science is neutral but engineering isn't always uh incidentally i can't resist giving his definition of an engineer which you may not have heard an engineer is someone who can do for fifty dollars what any downfall could do for a hundred well sir arthur i once heard it said uh an engineer once said there was a time when i couldn't spell engineer now i is one at this point we're gonna take a very short break and uh the clock is ticking away around the world as the millennium

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away around the world as the millennium countdown continues we'll bring you more here on this special talk back live and q a in just a moment [Music] cnn's global coverage of millennium 2000 is presented by lincoln american luxury [Music] wood level adrenaline the new lincoln ls [Music] right [Music] lynch we're still bullish analyzing data from wall street

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analyzing data from wall street to the world on a millennium 2000 special dr steve salvatore discusses the possibilities of a cure for everything and looks at the challenges of disease prevention worldwide on the network of the millennium cnn saturday on cnn's larry king live what a way to kick off the year 2000. larry's special guest is microsoft founder bill gates he'll discuss the future of the computer and much more that's saturday nine eastern on cnn back and you're looking at a live shot of moscow coming up on midnight in moscow in about 25 minutes we will of course take you there live a little bit of a surprise for the folks in moscow today we'll tell you about that in just a few minutes question from todd in the audience for sir arthur todd go ahead i just want to know if you believed in god no but i don't disbelieve in her either you did i hear you say her did you say her did you are you saying that to be funny or why do you i said her another question about religion from mike yes i'd like to ask sir arthur if he believes in the future the religions of the world will come together or they remained ever apart as they are now well i think religion was slowly paid from the scene i'm very fond of promoting uh the mark i heard nehru make politics and religion

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nehru make politics and religion are obsolete the time has come for science and spirituality all right we get back to you in just a moment and we continue our questions in just a moment too as we look at the millennium clock ticking around the world we'll bring we'll come back with a look at the new year in tehran and london and some other places stay with us [Music] cnn's global coverage of millennium 2000 is brought to you by morgan stanley dean witter we measure success one investor at a time [Music] from the company that has always value the individual above all else comes the most individual way yet of achieving success [Music] presenting eye choice for morgan stanley dean witter a whole new level of personal service that lets you achieve your success your way how do you measure success [Music]

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at morgan stanley dean winter we measure success one investor at a time on a millennium 2000 special garrett gutley takes a look at the possibilities for the future with guests faith popcorn and watts wacker only on now cnn our new into orlando [Music] the two most amazing theme parks ever created universal studios florida and the new islands of adventure only at universal studios escape are you ready to feel more alive this week with no limits there's always something spectacular on show time like sci friday three extraordinary showtime original series stargate sg1 with richard dean anderson total recall 2070 and the outer limits fridays on showtime are out of this world there's never been a better time to be a comcast select customer call 1-800 comcast now to order showtime [Music] celebrating the new millennium this is cnn [Music] welcome back it is midnight in iran and coming up on the new year in moscow and jerusalem and on the phone with us from tehran is shazaard bazogmir he's a journalist iranian journalist who works in tehran for cnn he's also editor of the english language newspaper iran news shizad i want to welcome you to our special show and let me start by asking you why in tehran as in a handful of places around the world i think it's about five it's on the half hour

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is there any clear celebration there shahzad yes there are numerous number of celebrations but the most vigorous christians uh christian iranians who are celebrating the birth of jesus christ iran as we know is an overwhelmingly uh muslim country but uh iranians says to all the muslims throughout the world reviewing this christ is uh one of the causes of god and they rejoiced in the day of the first days uh this year uh because of the the marches midnight for the people of iran and uh of course we will keep you updated here on cnn as it takes place whatever they are a few technical problems there sounded like alex like he wasn't for mars there all right in just a short time from now though they will be ringing in the year 2000 uh in moscow and uh folks there uh were taken a little bit by surprise today as a lot of speculation i'm sure going on about russian president boris yeltsin's new year's surprise he is stepping down he is handing the reins of government to prime minister vladimir putin cnn correspondent eileen o'connor joins us live from moscow with the latest on that and the reaction eileen from the russian people to this transition well they've already started celebrating

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well they've already started celebrating they have not blinked an eye in this transition in fact some of the people we spoke to earlier today one old man that we asked his reaction he said is it really true we said yes and he said which means thank you happy new year he was pretty thrilled with that news and right now you can already see 30 minutes before midnight that they are already celebrating in red square in fact they're bringing their own fireworks and are putting these up as you'll see if we zoom in a little bit to the walls of the kremlin where there have been some children actually sliding down the snow banks next to those historic walls the kremlin always the center of russian power in fact built in the beginning of this millennium and this was of course where boris yeltsin made his surprise announcement today it was his annual new year's address he took this moment because he is ill and his sources say he wanted it to be a symbolic moment he said it at the end of the new millennium he felt that uh he should uh hand over the reins of power to a younger man to vladimir putin so it was during his uh announcement that was of course made to the russian far east earlier since that is midnight the several time zones in russia have already switched over to the

millennium and here you see boris yeltsin talking to his russian prime minister vladimir putin now mr putin is the acting president he's already been given control of the nuclear forces here in russia that significant briefcase was actually handed over to him they spoke in the kremlin earlier boris yeltsin has already gone to his country residents outside of moscow where he's spending a quiet new years with his family his wife naina by the way is going to be baking a cabbage pie this is a family tradition for the yeltsin family and as you can see the people in red square are celebrating because vladimir putin himself spoke to them a bit earlier in some of those other time zones hosting the new year to those who've

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hosting the new year to those who've already switched over and he told them as he told the west in an interview with cnn yesterday that he vows to continue economic reforms and that russia will be a democratic country i'm absolutely convinced that if we abide by the principles that have become the cornerstone of our development a liberal economy free market human rights respect for our neighbors and respect for our partners all over the world well then russia will be able to occupy a prominent place in the future community of nations in the next century and in the next millennium i'm sure that russia will be a democratic country now uh this is all gone constitutionally of course uh they have set elections for the next 90 days for march 26th those election that date will be officially confirmed when the council of federation meets but as you can see behind me it's just a celebration that's going on in red square you don't see any evidence of tanks or troops nothing has been uh said to the special to the law enforcement officials the interior minister said there's no plans for any kind of a state of emergency or any special precautions here they are just happy to go into the next millennium a democratic russia all right eileen o'connor in moscow thanks very much and we take you back now to our interview with sir arthur clark and henry petrovsky and we might add that that picture you are seeing of sir arthur clark from street columbus sri lanka is not a television picture it is uh it is through the use of the internet and our friends at intel technology that we can bring you uh this uh this communication and uh on that note let's take a question now from our folks on the internet and the question for sir arthur is what do you consider to be the most useful and productive technological invention of the 20th century

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i think the answer must be the microchip which is revolutionizing everything every aspect of life let me ask you sir arthur who was the greatest inventor of the uh the century perhaps even the millennium then was it directly related to the computer well the greatest inventor i guess edison probably these that is the number of inventions he made let me ask henry as we reach uh the end of this millennium there are some scientists out there who think we have reached the end of science are there also inventors out there who feel like we've reached the end of invention no i don't believe any inventors believe that there are observers of invention that believe that however but they've believed that in the past and they've been wrong in the past the commissioner of patents about 100 years ago uh noticed how the patents were increasing at an astonishing rate for the time and he predicted that it was the end of invention because everything that had been invented uh seemed to be invented or just about to be invented in the 1940s the chairman of ibm wondered about the future of the computer and predicted that there was a world market for maybe five computers uh prognostication about invention has has often been been wrong inventors however are are not the ones who think that there's going to be an end to invention uh what what holds back inventors from inventing even more or at least patenting even more is the expense of it not the ideas they have more ideas than they can handle five computers they would be five per household now i guess all right we'll find out more about what's going right what's gone wrong with inventions and scientific advances over the past few hundred years perhaps what's coming up as we continue our special program with henry patoski and sartha clark joining us from sri lanka stay tuned we leave you with pictures from london

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we leave you with pictures from london [Music] how do you measure success i choice for morgan stanley dean witter a dynamic new financial program that lets you achieve your success your way how do you measure success at morgan stanley dean witter we measure success one investor at a time well when i got hurt in this work i thought i had supplemental insurance supplement of assurance what's that half black well even best insurance doesn't give you cash to cover things like loss pay other expenses this does what's that i'm like you shouldn't ask about it at work really what's it called congratulations you've been born into the information age so you can be guaranteed that all kinds of useless yada and endless belovedy blow will be constantly hurled at you from every direction unless you get lucky once you learn to read and someone gives you a lifetime subscription to usa today usa today not the most words just the right ones on a millennium 2000 special dr steve

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on a millennium 2000 special dr steve salvatore discusses the possibilities of a cure for everything and looks at the challenges of disease prevention worldwide on the network of the millennium cnn monday on cnn's larry king live what a way to kick off the year 2000. monday in her first live primetime interview monica lewinsky will be larry's special guest that's monday 9 eastern on cnn the big celebration in the big apple times square crowding up with people an estimated two million i'm told are going to be turning up to see the new year in there we're bringing you a special edition of talkback live and cnn's nationals q a bringing questions around uh what's coming up in the new millennium to sir arthur clark who's joining us from sri lanka my intel camera i should point out as well some technology going on there and henry petroski a professor as well an author giving us some idea on what advances he expects as well let's get straight to an international call though meta is joining us on the line from london mata yes firstly could i wish everybody a very happy new year and to you uh res uh a very happy new century and a happy new year could i ask you what is the real evidence that there are planets around a handful of stars what they've detected this is by wobbles and these stars mere wobbles obviously they can't see these planets can this wobble really be detected and is this wobble due to the planets okay yes i think they'll know that they have detected planets and other songs oh be frozen up there on the camera for just a second we'll get back to serato's question bobby i think we have one from the audience as well now yeah let me go ahead and take this question from david and uh hopefully we'll have restored our uh connection there david yes uh mr arthur clark i was wondering how would you compare the literature when you wrote

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compare the literature when you wrote your book compared to today's literature and uh also what do you read we've evidently lost our uh connection with sir arthur clark so we'll save those questions when we for when we restore it in the meantime let's go to uh henry petrovsky and speaking of uh writing um henry you wrote a book a rather large book entitled the pencil and i'm just curious as to why this was an engineering engineering curiosity that required uh that much verbiage well the book is really uh about engineering and the pencil is a symbol of engineering uh to me and and i hope to to the reader what i what i hope to accomplish by writing about the pencil so closely was to explain talk about a lot of different aspects of engineering uh the importance of manufacturing and of materials and bringing together a variety of materials into a finished product i wanted to use a simple enough item so that i could cover it in a book uh it possibly could have been a longer book if i had chosen a more complicated uh technological device such as a computer well we're going to put a we're going to put a computer question to you it's coming from the internet an internet question then we're going to put this one to you henry petrovsky it says what do you think of the media overkill on y2k steve lowe is asking that well i think it has been uh precisely that uh overkill i think it's a very interesting phenomenon however one of my definitions of engineering is that that engineers want to avoid failure they want their systems to work the only way that we can avoid failure to be sure is by thinking about it and thinking about it carefully and in depth i think that's what we've seen happen with y2k there was a considerable amount of concern over uh what could happen what could go wrong and it was precisely by thinking about

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and it was precisely by thinking about it so deeply and so far in advance that we were able to make it a non-issue i have to say my computer is barely electricity compliant let alone white you can't complain so what you're saying then is that when you write um about uh the failure of a successful design um let's take even the mars polar lander which was a huge disappointment to everyone in the scientific community in that failure there is a silver lining well that's right and i i think that's been said by uh the people at nasa they recognize that they have to push the envelope if they want to do something new if it hasn't been done before obviously they they don't have a a blueprint by which to do it if they try and fail they learn something from that failure one of the biggest disappointments uh about the failure of the the recent mars mission was that they didn't monitor it as it apparently crashed into the uh into the planet this means that they don't know exactly how it failed and they unfortunately don't have that kind of information that is the the real failure of that mission well we are looking for the silver lining in our uh communications with sir arthur clark as we try to restore uh our intel connection with him and we'll work on that we'll take a break and as we do we return you to new york city where some of these folks have been there since 5 30 this morning waiting for the big huge millennium celebration at times square tonight we'll be back in a moment [Music]

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so unparalleled coverage of millennium 2000 only on cnn any business there can be only one priority but morgan stanley being littered we have never forgotten ourselves [Music] not surprisingly we measure success a little differently we're here beyond the superstation jake come on get to open the play and be like a turret games on your station monday night a new era close to the coast it's all y'all premiering january 10th on pbs nba monday [Music] in this world timing is everything you have to know when to make your move the dow plunged more than 400 points the same goes for this world stocks rally with their best performance ever we'll tell you why watch cnn's money line for the knowledge you need to decide when to jump in [Music] preparations getting underway in bethlehem the biblical birthplace of jesus christ a lot of interesting

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of jesus christ a lot of interesting things taking place there across in the middle east of course you're watching a special edition of talkback live and q and a bobby bates now myself hosting the show and we're bringing you questions to put to arthur c clarke who's joining us from sri lanka by intel internet camera he's back up with us now and henry petrovsky is joining us as well to answer your questions bobby we have one in your yeah we were in the middle of a question rizz when we kind of lost contact there for a moment david had a question yeah i was curious as to um could literature back when you wrote your book and comparing it to the literature today the differences in the change and then also what do you read i wish i had time to read i get two or three books a day now i'm lucky if i read one month the science fiction has of course become infinite and i started reading dear old amazing and wonderful stories back in the 1930s and another question from the audience over here sir arthur i uh often ask people what contribution they feel you know that they've made toward the advancement of our civilization what would you consider your greatest contribution to the advancement of this civilization well obviously the communication satellite nevertheless if i hadn't written that paper in 1945 uh 10 other people would have done it within the next year so the thing that i've done which is unique is of course my stories my writing so i prefer to be remembered by my fiction rather than anything else sir arthur what about the uh the concept of the space elevator you've been working on that and as i understand that nasa does is working on a prototype uh yes the um the space elevator is not my idea uh it was actually uh

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not my idea uh it was actually uh russian engineer a mining grad and a lot of theories have been in favor has been written on it the idea is quite simple you build an elevator from the earth surface up to the stationary orbit and and i've written one book about it called the founders of paradise and um describing how you might construct the and in fact that book was carried into space so when you quit quick well as we're losing that

signal just for a second i'd like to show you right can i show you this please this is a copy of it in the shuttle that makes nasa did its first experiment towards this look in space henry petrovsky let me put to you you know for years many of us star trek fans watch transportation of human beings up and down and across the place is that kind of matter transportation even conceivable as we uh we progress scientifically i i didn't hear the question exactly yeah besides the the transportation of matter as we for example saw in star trek people beaming from place to place is that conceivably possible like like quantum technology right or time travel really well it's conceivably possible of course because it has been conceived and been written about whether or not it will be realized remains to be seen by present understanding i believe most people would think that it is not possible presently do you feel that scientists around the world really do join their forces enough are actually cooperating enough to make the kind of progress or is there a sort of competition in the science field which perhaps hinders it hinders us a little bit well well competition both hinders and helps uh

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helps uh it was the competition between the americans and the russians uh the soviets uh when they land launched uh sputnik in 1957 that really prompted the americans to start the moon project and and reach the moon within a little more than a decade so so uh competition uh is a two-edged sword let me take an internet question for uh sir arthur clark and um the person would like to know sharon would like to know is there anything that we have today that amazes you yes let's the cd-rom who would you imagine that a single disc you could store an entire encyclopedia or an entire movie and a question now from bill yes sir arthur in uh charles colson's recent book how now shall we live uh charles uh charles colson points out and reinforces the view that god the creator designed all things in a very perfect way and yet when i hear the scientists talk it seems like they're always claiming the credit for all of these things that they're doing do you think that they should be praising god more for their discoveries of what god has created well i i don't think god has created anything except the universe right at the very beginning but since then it's evolved on the natural laws and many of the things that have evolved are very badly designed look at the human body look at the appendix for example in fact the great the scientist almost remarked about the human eye he said if he had an official deliver such a bad piece of engineering he wouldn't pay for it as part of our uh talkback q a new

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as part of our uh talkback q a new year's eve special we are presenting 10 of our audience members with their own intel pc cameras just like the one that we're using with sir arthur today also bobby and i are looking forward to talking all of you with all of you online we'll be back in the talkback live chat room right after the show that's at cnn.com chat our millennium coverage continues cnn's global coverage of millennium 2000 is sponsored by shiseido she theta wishes you a happy [Music] millennium [Music] a hundred years pass and shiseido's ruby red liquid the one that caressed the faces of japanese women for so many generations is even more sublime now as it touches the faces of women all over the world in this new century this era that empowers a woman to live life to the fullest can help create a more beautiful world orderly is at home here gently thoroughly working to create more beautiful skin a hundred years pass and time leaves so [Music] and the splendor of things to come are all mixed together in one bottle on a millennium 2000 special miles o'brien and john zarella shoot for the stars with a look at the future of space exploration on the network of the millennium see explore create illuminate imagine inspire

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cnn and we are out and we are out of time for this special edition of talkback live in q a we'd like to thank our guest today henry petrovsky thank you very much for joining us appreciate your time answer arthur clark thank you very much it's been a pleasure and it is less than three minutes now until midnight across western russia parts of the middle east and in eastern africa cnn's coverage takes us live to moscow and to baghdad for the countdown to the new millennium have a great new year everybody joey chen and frank sesno are coming up now as cnn's coverage of millennium 2000 continues right now [Music] one [Music] as you see red square is ready in the moments just before the new millennium they are celebrating the end of the century the beginning of a new era both political and social as well we'll look at that this hour we also will look at that other picture in your screen that's baghdad you see where things are very quiet there's not much celebration in fact officially it is a day of national mourning as the country is told to reflect upon the effect and the impact of international sanctions that in baghdad it is a dramatic time in moscow you see red square celebrating this moment the fireworks in the less than 20 seconds now to midnight in moscow it has been a day of dramatic events in terms of the moscow government we're not even sure how much of russia knows what has happened to its leadership in the course of this day let's watch the final seconds now to midnight

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happy new year [Applause] as you see the celebration more than a million people expected to turn out as you see the fireworks the pyrotechnics going off throughout uh the area around red square there in moscow a great celebration this is the area that is the traditional celebration point for events in moscow but this is also a dramatic day in terms of events for that city and for the country it's been an extraordinarily dramatic day a change of government in fact boris yeltsin decided to close out the 20th century by closing out his presidency and passing the reigns to a younger and more uh vital leader at least in the minimum basis on an acting basis apparently counting on the fact of some political momentum to carry him mr putin into the 21st century elections within 90 days vladimir putin the president's mr yeltsin's hand-selected prime minister and now successor there has been great debate about mr putin's future the elections were originally expected in june but they will be moved up now to three months and since mr yeltsin did did select mr putin himself it does put him in the cat bird seat going into that time and for those who watch these events and for those who watch russia and moscow and such things this becomes a truly truly transitional moment in this country it is far more than just these fireworks we're seeing joey it is

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these fireworks we're seeing joey it is really about the direction of the nation cnn's eileen o'connor is standing by in moscow now more on the events underway as we see at this moment eileen well there's a lot of fireworks which people have brought mainly by themselves to red square father frost is already in red square with snigaruchka and who is the snow maiden and they are basically uh santa claus is in red square because this traditionally new year's is always the kind of main celebration for russians this is when presents are exchanged and as you can hear it is a cacophony of noise there was a parade came into red square just moments before midnight with a band these are as i said people's personal fireworks this is not a display that's being put on by the government the government originally planned to have 7 000 invited guests to red square and then decided when people said they were still going to be coming anyway that they would just

open up red square to the public and so this has been a very dramatic celebration most of the people in red square right now as i've seen are mostly young people and many of them have brought the russian flag to red square and and that really is very symbolic russia the kremlin red square has been the symbol of russia's power and majesty really since the beginning of this millennium the first structures in the kremlin were built uh in the 12th century and so the fact that they also came young people with the flag shows that for them too than the edge of this new millennium this is a patriotic moment and it's been a very important day as you said uh politically and it was very encouraging to the young people here that in his address to the nation for new year's vladimir putin this acting president the former prime minister has said that he will continue democratic forms

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democratic forms he will continue free market forms of reforms he did say though that he would brook no dissent in terms of anyone trying to destabilize russia during this transition period before democratic presidential elections are held in march but this is all going according to the constitution and as you can see there are a lot now some more official i think fireworks beginning to start boris yeltsin chose this day this is also a very symbolic day for him you know it was eight years ago in 1991 on again a new year's eve that the russian flag of the soviet flag was changed to the russian flag over the kremlin and that was that boris yeltsin's insistence it was he who negotiated with mikhail gorbachev to uh to uh to end the soviet union and to have the russian federation so for him sources have told me that he decided that this was the moment to hand over the reigns of power to vladimir putin that he did see this very much as a symbolic day on the edge of the millennium he asked for forgiveness you know in his announcement for some of the errors he's made as president which was pretty amazing but he also said that he did feel that there was the weight of history in order to turn over the reigns of powers today on the eve of this new millennium joey eileen before we talk more about the political situation underway in russia today let's talk a little bit more about the celebration and what else is happening in moscow there is really a sense in moscow of trying to revitalize some of the great landmark monuments that we see that we associate so much with that city absolutely and what you're seeing in the distance right now is christ the savior church now that was that church was rebuilt on the site of a church that has always traditionally stood and was torn down um over the years and uh and it was

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um over the years and uh and it was after the end of communism that uh the the church here was uh reestablished reinvigorated really it hadn't totally ended during communism and as you can see there are some of the domes of some of the churches inside the kremlin and it was only a few years ago that those churches too began to have some religious ceremonies inside of the kremlin walls so this is uh these celebrations there was a celebration earlier today in fact the official blessing of that rebuilt church christ the savior and across from red square near what was lubianca prison the um the kgb headquarters where so many people uh under communism under stalin's reign were killed and tortured there right now there's a rock concert being played and at the bolshoi theater also a few blocks away from red square there's a huge ball a very special ball that's being held anybody who is anybody in moscow is in is in the bolshoi theater at that ball this is very much where official moscow is celebrating um but right now these are just the average russian citizen inside red square and the people we've talked to today you know have been very very happy about um this transition uniformly no one has been upset at all about this transition and i think they feel pretty pleased that it will be going that there will be democratic elections held in march um uh for to reconfirm at least for the russian people their choice as president and obviously mr putin will face some opposition here and eileen if i may jump in for just a moment eileen uh it is a big and complicated country russia it's difficult and one should not over generalize but as you talk to those people as you study the place

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to those people as you study the place you're so familiar with what would you say are its national aspirations for these early years of the new century well this is very interesting frank because it is the national aspirations that vladimir putin plays to you know some of his he is very appealing to russians because he talks very tough he talks about the fact that he will continue to stand up to the west he he said earlier today that he would continue his foreign stance and he's had some difficult uh russia's had some difficult relations this past year with the west with disagreements over nato bombing and kosovo disagreements over the russian operation which he has very much directed in chechnya but he insists that a strong russia is not something for the united states to fear or for the west to fear that it is a stable russia he is after but he does want as he says to reinstill national pride that many of the reforms have gone awry that russia has been hit with crime and corruption and people here say that they are tired of the reforms going adrift and so much crime and corruption and they are looking for a strong leader and you know frank this was such a powerful country under communism mainly because of nuclear weapons but russia has seen its decline from a superpower status and russians do feel loss of national pride and they are looking to vladimir putin very much to re-instill that national pride but as he himself is acknowledged no one here on the streets and as you can see in recent parliamentary elections want to return to the old system but they do want a russia a strong russia that they feel they can be proud of eileen they're celebrating the new year but is there some concern about it how is the y2k situation being handled and being uh embraced there well in fact uh frank you know as you know there are so many time zones in russia and in kamchatka which is the far east the russian far east several hours ago

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east several hours ago that uh the first nuclear power plant in russia made the transition to um to the year 2000 and there were no glitches now the russians have spent some 10 million dollars some of that help from the west about 3 million dollars from the united states department of energy they've worked with experts from the united states to try to ensure that particularly their nuclear power stations their energy grids their telecommunications would all switch over to the year 2000 easily and as you know they did also establish a strategic command there's one established outside of moscow here and there's also one being monitored in colorado springs and so far the pacific fleet you know has already itself converted to the year 2000 and and this is a fleet that has nuclear weapons and they too have there has been no indication of any problems thus far and we've been monitoring the situation around town we're in various control centers but it is a difficult um situation uh right now many people had feared that russia would have problems but so far they have not materialized and one thing i would tell you frank that many people we talked to you know it's kind of funny russians are conspiracy theorists and many of them um had said that they didn't really believe there was a y2k problem that they felt that it was a western conspiracy to make bill gates rich the other thing too is that yeah is that porous yeltsin you know or that people here are really used to electrical outages and loss of water and loss of heat and so many of them said you know hey if we lose our utilities we'll do what we always do we'll light a candle we'll burn some wood and we'll wait and see eileen will ask you to stand by for a moment there you did mention the work that the russians are doing with the united states and international involvement to make sure that the worst of the possible things that could go

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of the possible things that could go awry the possibility of a mistaken attack or mistaken firing of weapons at the year 2000 turnover might occur standing by for us in colorado springs colorado is cnn's martin savage who's been working with the peterson air force base where the operation is underway the joint operation between the united states and the russian military officials marty we know it's midnight there in moscow and they're probably watching very closely what's happening uh there in colorado springs that is guaranteed joy this is the critical moment that both the u.s and russian militaries have been planning for for quite some time the rollover midnight moscow time the reason being that is the watch by which all of the russian military specifically its nuclear forces are set to go by including their computers it is the primary reason that the y2k strategic stability center here in colorado springs was started it's why at this very moment you have commanders from the united states missile teams you have commanders from russian missile teams sitting

side by side monitoring their mutual airspace making sure there is no accidental communication no accidental breakdown in that communication let me explain what the reason is and the concern on the part of the united states why it has existed this way the us has always felt that perhaps russian defense computers have not been made fully y2k compliant part of the reason is finances russia is not a wealthy nation it is reportedly in published accounts spent only about four million dollars throughout its entire military preparing its computers and the military for y2k rollover that's in stark contrast to the us that has spent about four billion dollars preparing for y2k in the military the u.s outspending russia a thousand to one the concern is that if there were to be any sort of y2k failure on the part of russian computers by russian policy that has always been an indication to them that russia was under attack on the part of the united states

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attack on the part of the united states what the us did what they did jointly was create this center so that if russia did go blind with its missile computers it could call here to colorado talk to a russian officer located here receiving information from the united states to confirm at that critical moment that no such u s attack was underway all that money all that effort spent it boils down to one critical phone call made at the right moment now one thing that should be pointed out it is not essential under the agreement between the u s and russia that if there were a failure of the russian defense computers that russia has to notify the us the u.s is simply standing by with russians here to respond and answer and confirm no attack is underway we won't find out how it's transgressed until about 40 minutes from now charlie actually it's frank you're going to take it back here marty but i do want to ask you this question how long is this joint operation going to continue how at what point are they going to say okay as far as the computers are concerned anyway we're out of the woods well it will not end at the stroke of midnight in any international time zone as of today or tomorrow it actually is set to continue here in colorado springs for about two more weeks this is actually a model program the idea is to have a permanent system like this that is joint cooperation with us and russian officers seated side by side monitoring their nuclear missile arsenals they would like to make that a permanent permanent thing they plan to set it up in moscow the training would take place here and then eventually it would be set up permanently the agreements are still being worked out right all right marty savage in colorado we'll be back to you joey well we've been talking about the dramatic change in russia's government boris yeltsin today saying that he will reside handing over the reins of his government to the new the president uh pro tem i guess which would be vladimir putin who is mr yeltsin's hand-picked prime minister as well as his hand-picked successor at least until the point where elections can be held it was a bit of a surprise quite a bit of surprise for much of russia

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russia and in the breakaway province of chechnya which has been embattled for some time now where things have been very difficult and where the russian military has been facing its own troubles this has been an important moment we go now to that breakaway province to chechnya cnn steve harrigan has been following the situation there and he joins us on the telephone line now steve how much do the russian soldiers know about what's happened in moscow today most of the russian soldiers here in chechnya were in grozny now don't know about president yeltsin's resignation they still don't know about it many of these soldiers haven't seen television newspaper or radio for weeks now we sat a group of soldiers down around the table and told them to get their reaction they broke out into applause they said they were obviously very happy to see boris yeltsin go one soldier said i quote him he stole so much he was too tired to steal anymore as for how they feel about the new acting president vladimir putin they seemed very favorably disposed towards him he's one of us one soldier said we have had a little of our communication here with cnn steve harrigan who has been in grozny in the capital the provincial capital of chechnya it's a breakaway region of russia where so much of the russian military has been located and focused over recent weeks trying to bring the situation there with the independence groups are under control we're going to take a break here there's quite a bit more coverage that we have to do around the world here at cnn and our continuing millennium coverage will save [Music] us you

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